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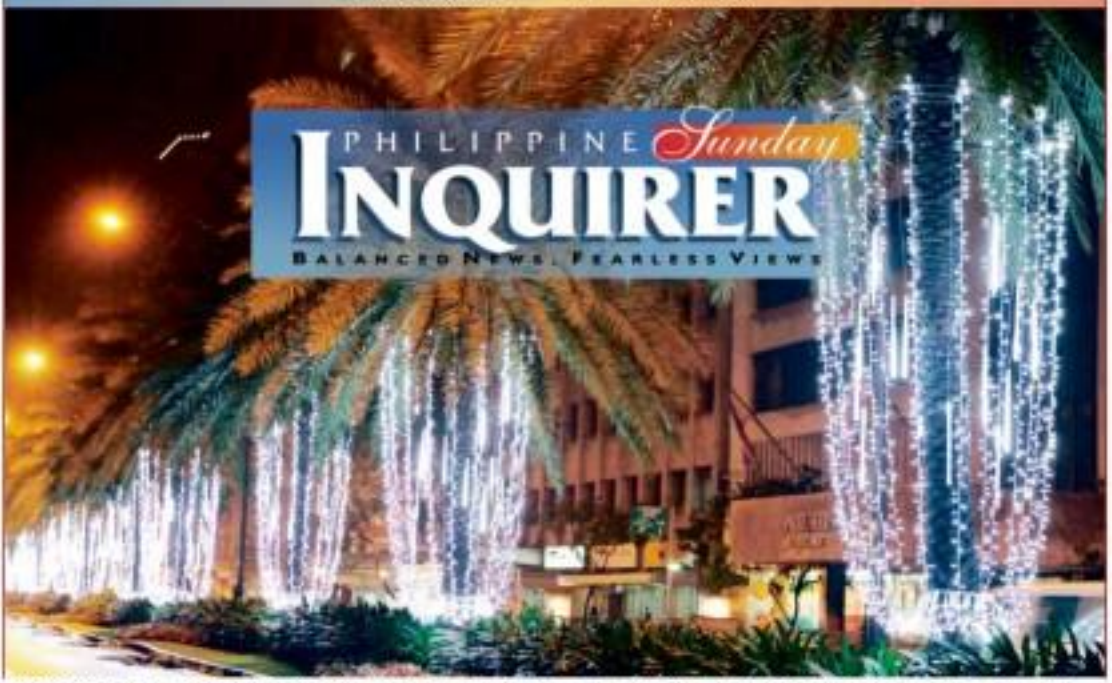

**SEASON'S DELIGHT** When evening falls, Makati City's Ayala Avenue is awash in the merriest colors of the country's most beloved fiesta, the birthday of the Christ Child. The Philippines has the distinction of having the world's longest celebration of Christmas. It started in September, or maybe August.

# CBCP fights RH bill harder

**HOME IS THE HUNTED** HSN-ZTE whistle-blower Jun Lozada and family are back home after nearly three years at La Salle Green Hills.

## Lozada home: When door closes, window opens

By Jocelyn R. Uy

MOMENTS AFTER the gray van drove into the garage, the silent two-story suburban house came to life.

Pet dogs were roused into barking, greeting the return of the house; Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada Jr., who took his time opening windows, turning on lights and checking every room of the house he and his family vacated almost three years ago.

The youngest sons, the twins, excitedly looked at their old photos displayed atop a piano—at some La Salle brothers chuckled to see how chubby they were when they were younger—before plugging on a sofa to watch cartoons on TV.

LOZADA A4

## 'Bishops, priests, laity willing to be jailed led by Vidal'

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE BISHOPS are not done fighting when it comes to the reproductive health (RH) bill.

Aid even with the growing number of lawmakers backing the bill that seeks to provide couples an informed choice on various family planning methods, the Catholic Church is not drowning in the towel, with many of its lay members expressing willingness to go to jail for their cause.

"The position of the bishops is that, although as of the moment rapfid *kami* (we're on less than solid ground) because the number of congressmen supporting the RH bill is increasing, for us it does not matter," Antipas Bishop Nereo Odchimar, the president of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), said yesterday.

"Whether we win or lose, we still have to preach the Gospel, preach the position of the

CBCP A2

## PDI fotog awarded for doing what he loves best

By Kristine L. Alave

INQUIRER PHOTOGRAPHER Edwin Bacasmas, one of the lucky few to have succeeded in uniting what he loves to do with what he does for a living, was recently conferred a Vocational Excellence Award by the Rotary International District 3780 for his contribution to Philippine photojournalism.

The multiawarded Bacasmas has already been elevated to the

INQUIRER A6

## Terror alert? 22 nations join Robot Olympiad here

By Tarra Quismundo

SIX NATIONS issued advisories against travel to the Philippines because of a perceived terror threat.

But check out the students from 22 countries tinkering with miniature wheels and tiny nuts and bolts, now and then checking with their laptops for the correct calibrations. Mothers pushed sleepy babies in their strollers around the packed hall. Coaches observed from the sidelines, their cameras at the ready.

This was the scene at the one-day World Robot Olympiad (WRO) at the SMX Convention

TERROR A10

## *3G treat: Goodies for good governance*

By Tarra Quismundo

FOR THE SAKE of the country, cries on "compelling yearning."

Youth members of the good governance movement Kaya Mabot! hope to draw their peers to their cause through a fundraiser aptly named for their generation: 3G, or Goodies for Good Governance.

3G TREAT A6

## Dacer daughters desperately seek closure 10 yrs after murder

By Lira Gutierrez
Contributor

SAN FRANCISCO, California—Carina Dacer was just 10 when her mother died. Whether it was a stroke or cardiac arrest she still doesn't know. To this day, the 40-year-old financial services consultant, who is now New York-based, continues to feel that she was somehow instrumental in her mother's death. A sickly child, Carina said her mother had taken her to a manghihilot the day she died. "I still remember the day vividly," she said in a recent interview.

Carina, however, would not be with her father when he was

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# PAL ground crew union files new notice of strike

By Philip C. Tubeza and Paolo G. Montecillo

CITING UNFAIR labor practices, the ground crew union of Philippine Airlines (PAL) on Friday filed a new notice of strike before the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Manila.

Ginny Rivera, president of the Philippine Airlines Employees' Association (PALEA), accused PAL managers of talking to individual employees to convince them to accept a mass layoff due to the planned outsourcing of some services.

The outsourcing move was recently approved by Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz.

"We decided to file the notice of strike because of widespread and persistent attempts by management to outsource union members, which by law is individual bargaining and constitutes interference in the right to self-organization," Rivera said.

"These are issues separate although related to the question of the mass layoff eventually decided by the labor secretary," he added.

It is the second notice of strike by PALEA this year. In January, the union, representing more than half of the airline's rank and file, threatened a strike after it learned of PAL management's plans to outsource non-core services.

This would include its flight catering operations, airport services and call center reservations, affecting 2,600 employees. Management argued that the plan will help the company cut costs and be more competitive.

The DOLE jurisdiction over the dispute in April, which prevented PALEA from pushing through with the first strike plan. In October, DOLE ruled that the outsourcing plan was "a legal exercise of management prerogative."

In the new notice of strike, PALEA charged PAL management of bargaining directly with union members "which is tantamount to interference with, restraint, and coercion of employees in the exercise of their right to self-organization." It also said the resulting massive termination of union officers due to outsourcing amounted to union busting.

The mass layoff will lead to the dismissal of 62 percent of the present union leadership and 778 percent of its leadership, Rivera said.

"The 3,000 union members who will remain there will be the subject of the next round of outsourcing which is already in management's drawing boards and will be perfectly legal using the Baldoz decision as a precedent," he said.

"The mass layoff is a subterfuge that started with PAL maintenance and engineering department and in the end no one will be left standing except the contractors," he added.

Hidden echoes a management statement that said passengers need not worry about a strike disrupting the holiday travel season. She said the DOLE has scheduled a conciliation meeting on Monday. There would also be a 30-day "cooling off" period to give the two sides talking space.

"We have already scheduled this and it will go through our regular process," Baldoz said in an interview.

PAL management denied PALEA claim that it was engaged in unfair labor practices. It also said the new notice of strike was baseless and was "nothing but a union strategy to delay implementation of the flag carrier's spin-off program."

### Message to passengers

"There is no reason for our passengers to be alarmed. A strike is not likely to happen anytime soon as the DOLE views PALEA continued operations as infused with technical lawyers," PAL spokesperson Cielo Villaluna said in a statement.

She added: "We categorically deny directly negotiating" with union members, as claimed by PALEA, inasmuch as management regularly conducts consultative talks only with PALEA officials and not with the members," she added.

With this "delay" to the implementation of PAL's outsourcing plan, Villaluna warned that the processing of the separation pay and other benefits "is done for the holidays may have to be discontinued," MB with a report by DJ Yap

## INQUIRER READ-ALONG

## *P-Nyoy Nyoy to kids: Use your imagination*

By Sylumi Quedado and Kate Pedroso
*Inquirer Research*

AS A SPECIAL treat for Junior Inquirer's 15th anniversary celebration, "President Nyoy Nyoy" and a number of his cabinet were guest storytellers at yesterday's special Inquirer Read-Along.

Comedian Jon Santos channeled "President Nyoy Nyoy" while a number of the real President's cabinet, first cousin Secretary Ramon Paje, graced the event.

Impersonating President Aquino, Santos—complete with balding hair, glasses and a yellow shirt with a print of the Philippine map—read Eugene Evasco's "Ang Bisita ni Hesu," a story about using one's imagination.

### A good laugh

While Santos was reading, the children stayed among themselves whether or not the reader was indeed the country's president as if he was just wearing a wig or a bald cap. When he removed a few moments after reading his first book dressed in regular clothes, the children had their suspicions confirmed... and a good laugh.

As himself, Santos read "Mahabang Malubang Mahaba," a story about a young boy who had a very long name, written by Genaro Gojo and published by Adarna.

Meanwhile, Paje read "Ang Ating Kalikasan," a book for children prepared by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources which aims about how to take care of Mother Nature.

"This is my most important meeting," added Paje. "It's important for kids not to oppose the mistakes that our generation has made against the environment."

Sophia Soliod teaches literacy Carable, Ella dela Vega, Mary Ursilla, Loren Dasig and Ilhang Bernabe, wrapped up the session with a reading of Roberto Alonzo's "Si Dilat, Si Kirat, Si Karap at Si Pilat," complete with a song and dance number.

Javier Inquirer's master, Gaplo, and the mascot of event sponsor Lotte, Hachi, also entertained the children with a dance number.

A group members Denise Dalao and Cindy Pano, both grade 10 students at Miriam College, attended reading as kid journalists for JI in "Rio."

"Fifteen years ago, JI was created to give voice to Filipino children. It is a voice that we take seriously and one that we hope we continue nearly silence to," JI editor in chief Nich Neneth, said.

Yesterday's event was held in cooperation with Volunteer Foundation, Hands on Manila and St. Anthony of Makati. The event was sponsored by Lotte and Pizza Hut.


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# Abu likely meeting foreign terrorists–AFP

By Alcuin Papa

SECURITY officials said Saturday it is possible members of the Jemaah Islamiyah may already be making contact with the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jose Mabanta said they have not monitored any intelligence reports that foreign terrorists are somewhere in the country, with the possible exception of Mindanao.

Mabanta said the two groups have communicated in the past.

"In the past, there were contacts. And we would not be surprised if them would be similar contacts in the future, or presently. This has been done and it can be done again," he said.

"In this point, there are no intelligence reports which say there are international terrorists in the metropolis ... as well as other parts of the country," Mabanta said.

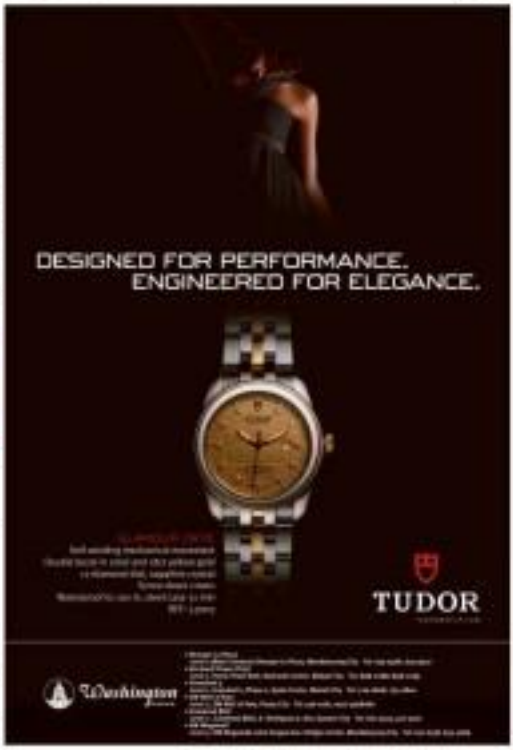
But Mabanta could be a different case, he said. "Those places are highly porous and we can't guard those at the level that we want to guard it."

Mabanta said he is in constant communication with the military's J-2, or intelligence arm.

"My continue to collaborate and coordinate with various sectors both external and internal intelligence agencies to get added information," he said.

Philippine National Police Senior Supt. Agrimero Cruz also said this would not be the first time Al agents have contacted the Abu Sayyaf.

"This is not the only time there is something like that, but we will verify this information," he said.

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# Rains over North Luzon seen to ease up Monday

THE HARSH pummeling Northern Luzon are expected to ease up when late Sunday or Monday, according to weather bureau officials who described the heavy downpour being experienced in the provinces as a "double whammy."

While Northern Luzon provinces, particularly Cagayan Valley usually get a lot of rain around the latter part of the year, the downpour that fell there in the past few days came as soon as it...

...are typhoon Ramil," according to Gerardo Franel, officer-in-charge of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

Ismail said Region 2 got a "double whammy" because it was still recovering from the effects of June—which ran a months-of-destruction in its wake—when the heavy rains came.

The flooding and the landslides caused by the downpour has led to the deaths of 11 people.

"Region 2 is used to flood but what's different now is that this happened after the supertyphoon hit the area," Ismail said in a press briefing.

He added that the situation in Cagayan and Isabela, which have been familiar, but by the rains, were ruined by a combination of several factors.

Since June had just passed through the country, the land was still super saturated with water, which was why the succeeding rains could not be absorbed. Then, the coal flows and the poor conservation area also contributed to the downpour in the area. The La Niña phenomenon also triggered the heavy rainfall, according to weather officials.

The rains had also caused the Cagayan river to swell and experience its highest water level since 1982.

## Corrections

IN THE NOV. 5 ISSUE, a story on Page A2—"Iraqi: Bahrain on way out as OPEC chief"—carried the erroneous paragraph: "The President said he may set up a Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor that will be empowered to help the country's international workers." It should have read: "The President will set up a government body that will help the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor."

IN THE SAME ISSUE, the photo credit for a photo on Page A21 was inadvertently omitted. The photo was contributed by Andrea Bendaña of TYG.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Ormoc floods remembered

ORMOC CITY—Residents of this city on Friday commemorated the 13th anniversary of the Ormoc flashflood that killed about 5,000 people by visiting the mass grave in the public cemetery where they were interred. Masses, vigils and other city officials, started at 8 a.m. with a fiesta, followed by candle lighting and a flower offering at the mass grave. Nov. 5 was proclaimed a special holiday for Ormoc 10 years after the flash flood occurred on Nov. 5, 1991, said city Vice Mayor Representative Ignacio Thereafter, it became a non-working holiday. This year, only few of the victims' relatives were around. A city official suggested that it was probably because the activity fell on a working day. But couple Filomena and Alberto Miralles, who lost their daughter to the flood, said they remained sad about losing their child and never failed to miss the annual commemoration rite. The couple used to live in Mabini Street, one of the low-lying areas (villages) badly hit by the flood. Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) representatives to the Philippines Akihiro Okada and Shoji Kako of the Japanese Embassy also attended the event. Jica spent P1.2 billion for the flood-mitigation projects in Ormoc. It renovated four city bridges, widened rivers and concreted its river walls after the flood. —Elvin Ronkar-Pua, Inquirer Visayas

### Back to same ship

ALL EIGHT Filipino seafarers who were held hostage aboard MV Beluga Fortune will continue working in the cargo vessel whose crew repelled a pirate attack in the Indian Ocean last month, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The DFA-Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (DFA-OUMWA) said it learned from a local manning agency that the Filipinos were safe and had said that they hoped to continue working on board. "The crew members added that they will come home to the Philippines in time for the Christmas holidays," the DFA said in a statement. On Oct. 24, Somali pirates boarded the Bahamian-owned vessel while it was sailing in the Indian Ocean en route to Richards Bay, South Africa. MV Beluga Fortune had 16 crew members, eight of them Filipinos. AFP

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Invitation to Bid for the Procurement of Works Contractor for the Repair and Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

1. The Supreme Court, through the appropriations for the maintenance and other current expenses of the Halls of Justice, intends to apply the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Forty-Four Pesos and 81/100 (₱ 768,044.81) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the Repair and Rehabilitation of the Hall of Justice in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The Bids and Awards Committee for the Halls of Justice (BAC-HOJ) now invites bids for the Procurement of Works Contractor for the Repair and Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro. Completion of the Works is required within Sixty (60) calendar days. Bidders must have at least a minimum PCAB license "Small B" and should have completed, within two (10) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instruction to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary pre-qualification as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act". Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 9184 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Secretariat of the BAC-HOJ and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders during November 2, 2009 from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (₱ 2,000.00).
The Bidding Documents may also be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that bidders shall pay the above non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
6. The BAC-HOJ will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on November 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at the courtroom of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court (Main Bldg.), Hall of Justice, Batangas City. The Pre-Bid Conference shall be open to all interested parties.
7. Bids must be delivered on or before December 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.
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# Nicolas to chair body on Filipinos overseas

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Aquino has appointed former National Anti-Poverty Commission Secretary Imelda Nicolas as the new chair of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte announced over state-run dzRB on Saturday.

Nicolas is the latest member of the "Hyatt 10"—the 10-member group of the Arroyo Cabinet who announced their resignation in a press conference at the Hyatt hotel in 2005 amid serious allegations of election fraud against the former President—to join the Aquino administration.

Other members of the Hyatt 10 already in the Cabinet are Budget Secretary Florencio Abad, Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon Soliman and Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Teresita Quintos Deles.

Among the other new appointees were Antonio M. Bernardo as Commissioner and CEO, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board; Erlinda L. Wenceslao, Acting Executive Director, Philippine Commission on Women; and Lea M. Cantos, Assistant Secretary, Department of Budget and Management. Elmer G. Pascasio, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Health; Rubel B. Montanera, Acting Director General, Commission on Filipino Language; and Edgar C. Galvante, Acting Executive Director, Dangerous Drugs Board.

# Lozada home: When door closes, window opens

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The daughter quietly proceeded to her room and cuddled with her stuff as the house help unloaded bags full of items the family had accumulated over the years.

Another one lingered in the living room as Mollie, the maid, joined mom and brother in a house cleaning.

The Lozadas are happy to be home in an extensive village in Pang City after leading an almost cloistered life as the Lozada brothers' house in Greenhills, San Juan City, for more than eleven years and nine months.

On Feb. 5, 2000, parents and children fled their home in fear after Lozada blew the whistle on the controversial $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal with China's ZTE Corp.

On Feb. 3, testifying before the joint Senate committees on blue ribbon, trade and defense, Lozada said then Commissioner Romulo Neri informed him that Arroyo and her husband Jose Miguel Arroyo "are behind the NBN-ZTE crime."

Michael Defensor, Arroyo's former chief of staff, slapped a perjury charge on Lozada for his purported inconsistent testimonies at the Senate and the Court of Appeals on July 3, 2008.

Some of the lists slept on the floor for a while in the modest quarters set aside for them at the La Salle brothers' house. The concrete has its own cost, who prepared three daily meals, as Violet's love for cooking had to be put on hold.

Finally back at home, Violet is eager to return to her regular routine, Lozada said—getting the groceries, seeing to the children's school needs and cooking the family fare.

As for himself, he is excited to resume the simple pleasure of "a long toilet habit" that involves reading, he said with a chuckle.

And something else: "Although the brothers and sisters would disagree on this because they said they even to my toilet (I was awful), I am also looking forward to being useful again, to feel useful again, and to make things happen."

But starting life over is not going to be a walk in the park, Lozada said.

He has been gulping a lump in his throat just thinking about how he would make ends meet for the family, he said.

### Leap of faith

Before he took on the life of a reluctant whistleblower, Lozada enjoyed the perks of a government official. He enjoyed luxury cars, including a Volvo, and kept a fat savings account.

But all these he lost in the last two years, he said. Much of the savings were drained by the expenses for necessary upkeep of the house while the family was away.

He has no permanent livelihood now, although the La Salle brothers and AMRSP (sister of fund him odd jobs and promise in line with his IT expertise to the extended care the retired NBN-ZTE deal, Lozada said.

Deciding to go home stripped of a stable job and the luxuries he once enjoyed, and without hardened safety for his family was certainly a "leap of faith"—just like when he said adieu to three children and the retired NBN-ZTE deal, Lozada said.

"For now, the only answer I can give to questions on how I would raise my family from this moment on, is that this is a leap of faith. I am doing this with my eyes closed because I've lasted that void in there," he said.

### Gratitude

The path has been rocky and painful, but Lozada has no regrets. He is thankful that his experience drew him to people who showed him "the epitome of being a true Christian," and who provided him and his family physical, emotional and financial support during their darkest days.

"Without them, things would have been more difficult," he said, sobbing.

"If these things did not happen to me, I would have been more likely to succumb to the temptations, subtle or blatant, in the future.

"I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to see a difference from this and to work among those that kind of life."

"I have no regrets, but I don't want to succumb to temptations, that this has been easy, because it was very difficult."

Lozada said that while he had to give up material things in spreads of the truth, the victims were in society had committed the crime of the century, the plunder of the country's coffers, public money had yet to be prosecuted.

"It is still a changing track," he said.

### Reopen case

But just as four fingers, hope persists.

Although he has had no "interactions" with the Aquino administration, which he supported during the May elections, Lozada is optimistic that it will make its efforts in its turn to reopen and charges in connection with the NBN-ZTE deal, Lozada said.

He expressed hope that the new administration would agree to reopen the ballooning case because "it is not only the Department of Justice under the Arroyo administration had the resources.

"If they are serious to know about the involvement of Malacañang in the NBN-ZTE [deal], they should follow it up ... I hope that they reopen the case while the trail is still there," he said.

# Dacer daughters desperately seek closure 10 years after murder

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killed 28 years later. She was in Los Angeles, studying fashion merchandising, when publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer was killed along with his driver, Emmanuel Corbito, in November 2000.

It's the same way that she is "still debating in her mind" what it was that killed her mother; she also cannot comprehend still why her father was killed and with such savagery.

### US civil suit

Which is why Carina, the third of Imelda's four daughters, and her sister—actress Cristy Fermin, 37, and lawyer, 36—advanced Dacer's case in the local legal arena. They filed a civil suit in a federal court here against the alleged murderers for the "cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment, torture and extrajudicial killing" of Dacer and his driver.

Dacer was reportedly killed by a group of civilians and high-ranking police officers and their subordinates. They acted allegedly on the orders of fugitive police chief-turned-amateur beatific-tactist, and deposed President Joseph Estrada, a convicted plunderer.

Only Dacer's dental plates and Corbito's right arm were recovered in a creek in Indang, Cavite, where their burnt bodies were found. Two civilians from the locality—Jimmy Lopez, a former barangay captain, and Alex Silay, a farmer—have confessed to the killings.

Other suspects were identified, with one wearing Dacer's shoes, a pair of which that was the publicist's trademark, but which the confessed killer told interrogators he had painted brown. Lopez and Silay have named the policemen who brought the victims in their hostages.

In 2001, the Philippine justice department charged 62 men, including 11 policemen, with the Dacer-Corbito murder, but several of the suspects, particularly the senior police officers, fled the country, thus escaping prosecution.

### Where are they now?

In the civil case that they filed in the US, the Dacers are seeking a total of $320 million from Estrada, Lacson, Reynaldo Tamayo, former head of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor); Danny Tan, head of the now-defunct Star World Recruiters who is also at large; and three former Philippine National Police (PNP) senior officers—Michael Ray Aquino, Glicerio Dantino and Marcelo Acosta—who all served under Lacson at the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF).

The trial of the US case is set to begin early next year. The Dacers' lawyers, San Francisco-based Robert Badal, Nilda Bonoan Laurel and Errol Zubercook, have begun serving summonses to the respondents, a number of whom have fled the Philippines.

Estrada is said to be living in Las Vegas, Nevada. Aquino, a former PNP senior superintendent, is serving a sentence in a US prison for espionage; Dantino, who is a 1987 senior superintendent, is Aquino's deputy, is detained in the Philippines following his extradition from the US; Acosta, a former police chief inspector, is also believed to be in the US.

Lacson, who has several children living in Los Angeles, has been sighted in Holy City to for Tan, he was last known to have fled to Australia.

Estrada has repeatedly denied having anything do with the murders, as has Lacson who escaped arrest by fleeing the Philippines last January. Some officials recently said, however, that Lacson may actually be hiding out in the country.

Lacson was implicated by another former subordinate, Cesar Mancao, who has turned state witness following his deportation from the US last year.

### Suit based on 2 US laws

The Dacer lawsuit was based on two US laws: the Alien Torts Claims Act (Ata), passed in 1789 during the presidency of George Washington, and the Torture Victims Protection Act, enacted in 1991. The Dacers are seeking damages of $60 million under each statute, according to their lawyers.

The Ata was emboldened in the Filartiga suit after learning about the case of a former Paraguay police chief who was ordered in 1980 to pay $10 million in damages to a Paraguayan couple whose son was tortured and killed by the police chief under the Ata. The couple had settled in New York after fleeing the dictatorship in their country. Ironically, the police chief had also fled Paraguay and sought political asylum in New York.

Carina said she and her sisters are not expecting to see any of the money, even if the court rules in their favor. The ruling would have to be executed by a Philippine court and could be appealed to a higher court. Carina said the money is the last thing on their minds.

The term would also be said for their lawyers. Badal Nadir, a former assistant Marcos resident services, has gained renown in the Filipino-American community for his pro bono work for poor victims of injustice here.

### Horrors revisited

Carina said they "just want answers." Their complaint alleges that Estrada was upset with Dacer, a columnist and close friend, when he suspected of spying for former President Fidel V. Ramos.

Dacer was said to be on his way to meet with Ramos to give him papers showing the latter's business dealings with Estrada, Tan and Tan had conspired to manipulate the stock market to benefit Tan's BW Resources, whose stocks rose in value from 40 centavos in October 2000 to P3.45 a year later, according to Badal.

The BW Resources stock manipulation case spanned the term of three of the stock market.

Cristy, who acted as Tan's publicist, is supposed to have some into possession of some documents that would prove Estrada's ownership of a substantial amount of BW Resources stock.

Carina said she doesn't dislike Tan she said her sisters may have to relax the agony of her father's executive orders the case goes to court.

"Yes, the lawsuit is going to remind us of the horror we felt, but what to one more reminder? Every birthday, every Christmas, every holiday, every day is one less. Adding this lawsuit hopefully will at least get us some answers even if we have to relive the pain. We have to exhaust all efforts to get answers," she said.

The Dacer sisters learned of their father's disappearance on Nov. 24, 2000. But it would not be until five months later that they would learn that their father and his driver were already dead. Dacer would have turned 60 on Nov. 23.

According to various news reports and affidavits executed by some of the accused, Dacer and Corbito, their eyes, mouths and hands shut taped, were brought to a barangay official's house in Cavite after their abduction. According to the alleged killers, Dacer's driver was shot with a rifle, while Corbito was shot in the head before their bodies were soaked in gasoline and burned.

Actually the sisters knew their father was dead a year before his death. "More than a year before he was killed, he indicated that he may be in danger," Carina said.

"He would not give us any details except to let us know that our phones were likely tapped. So, set up a code system in his house where he would whisper nothing to exact location. This went on for a long time," she said.

### Sisters flee to US

When news reports came out confirming the murders, Carina was a student in Los Angeles living with family, who was then working for a trading company. They were both home when they got the news. "We went into our respective rooms. We needed time alone," said Carina.

Cristy, who was younger for her two married sisters who were living under love in Illinois. "Sabina was helping Dad in the office, while Ampy worked in Mendiola," she said. They started getting threatening calls, prompting them to flee the country with their families.

"Sabina's husband had a great job with a multinational firm but then left everything [and came to America], sold only the clothes on their backs and their two-year-old baby's feeding bottles with them," she said.

Carina left for the US and moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s and is now a nurse. Carina said none of them had any plans of migrating to America before the killings. Now the only reason they can think of returning to Manila is to wrap up whatever is left of their lives there. "We don't think we would ever want to go back to the Philippines," she said.

She said she misses her "friends and the food." Ampy misses everything she hated back home—"the traffic, the rain ... and the way Filipinos have a good time."

### Another curve ball

They are telling the family home, which is now being rented out. Carina herself returned to Manila a few years ago to sort out the personal belongings they had left behind. She enjoyed a few weeks but soon that was not enough to put closure to their lives in the Philippines. If she or any of her sisters decide to return, it will just be to retrieve "some items our Dad left."

Carina would get hit by another curve ball when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. Perhaps because of the anguish she had already gone through, she received the diagnosis with a calmness that astonished her sisters and colleagues at work.

"I called my sisters and my bosses and told them in a matter of fact way," she said. Talking about it months later, she said it was as if I was telling them I had a cold."

She would have two surgeries and last October marked the ninth anniversary of her last surgery. "I have been off medication for almost a year already," she said.

She is trying to put behind the horrors of the past 10 years and it appears that the next 10 are going to be better for her and her sisters.

### Pleasant memories

What the Dacer sisters hold on to as they look to the future.

Carina remembers "a very dedicated, generous loving and protective father." She said she and her sisters were not exactly thrilled by what their father was doing in the newspaper. But they could not understand the ways of the rich and the powerful, who were Dacer's clients.

"But for the last 10 years of his life, he was both our father and mother. He always provided for all our needs, giving us enough so we continue to value what is there. For that we are grateful," she said.

But what affected Dacer most was the death of his wife, Carina said. "He drank immediately for years and stopped only after a near-fatal car accident. When Carina's mother was in the hospital, she saw him crying hard, releasing all the emotions he probably held all the years after my mom passed away."

Carina has fond memories of Corbito as well. Aurel Dan endeared "mas" to the family, she said. "He taught me how to drive a car. He also taught me how to play golf when my Dad took up the hobby. And he would play with us and always ear with us," she said.

She recalled an occasion when a security guard blocked Corbito's entry to the house, telling him to wait in the drivers' lounge.

"My father was very upset and told the fish that he (Corbito) was going to eat with us no matter what the fish rule was," she said.

### Quoting from P-Noy

As much as they are asking a lot years to get justice for their father, Carina herself sees "a glimmer of hope" that maybe President Aquino, who was "also a victim of injustice," would pursue their father's case.

She quotes extensively from Aquino's speeches. "He knows how it is to be denied justice," a one such quote.

But she is not holding her breath. "Unfortunately we all know how it goes in the Philippines," she said.

MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS Carina Dacer (seated at left) cuddles niece Denise Reyes beside visiting young friends Hayden and Jenny Tanaka. Standing at right in front of the Christmas tree are Denise's sister Katrina Dacer Reyes and her husband Dexter Reyes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# Cops nab another accused in Maguindanao massacre

By Alexis Papa

QUEZON: accused in the gruesome 2009 Maguindanao massacre was arrested Saturday morning by police.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Spokesman Senior Supt. Agerico Cruz identified the accused as Sukpada Tampugao.

The accused was arrested at around 9:00 a.m. in Barangay Tenumolan, Tenabuan City.

Elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (CIDG-ARMM) and the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) in the area made the arrest.

Tampugao's arrest was covered by three arrest warrants issued by Quezon City Regional Trial Court (RTC) Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes for 57 counts of murder.

There is a P332,000 reward for any information leading to his arrest.

Tampugao is now under the custody of the CIDG-ARMM.

Meanwhile, the Office of the Solicitor General has asked a Manila City court to junk the petition filed by massacre suspect principal accused Andal Ampatuan Jr. to stop the Department of Justice from admitting one of his co-accused in the government's witness protection program (WPP).

In a comment secured from the aide of Judge Jocelyn Reyes, assistant Solicitor General Reynaldo Bocobo asked the Manila RTC Branch 173 to deny Andal's petition since he contended forum-shopping and that the remedy of certiorari and prohibition under Rule 65 of the Revised Rules of Court is improper.

Andal Jr., through his legal counsel, filed a civil case of certiorari and prohibition asking the Manila court to annul the admission of Mohammad Tenggil, into the WPP for having been acted upon without or in excess of jurisdiction and in utter disregard of the rules on the discharge of a state witness. (MBA, Julie Aurelio

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# CBCP fights RH bill harder; bishops, priests ...

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Catholic Church, so that it can not be said that if the RH bill passes, it is because the bishops did not do anything (or) did not speak out," Odchimar said in a press conference of the 17th Asia Pacific Congress on Faith, Life and Family at Dusit Thani hotel in Makati City.

"Just as what was said before, **we keep on fighting, espousing** the Catholic position, whether we lose or not," he said.

## Not alone

And the bishops are not alone, according to CBCP lawyer in Imbong.

"We have received about 900 participants [of this international conference]. They came here on their own means or resource, and they put together their issues and their contribution to amend the congress," Imbong said.

Most of the attendees are from the Philippines, she said, adding:

"Others, always happen some—they are willing to go to jail if the RH bill will be enacted ... led by his Eminence Jaime Cardinal Vidal [and] followed by our beloved bishops and prelates."

Vidal was present at the conference.

"I think there will not be a place big enough for all of us," Imbong said.

## 'World is watching'

American Brian Clowes, a director of Human Life International and the conference organizer, said Catholics worldwide were watching whether the Philippine RH bill would be passed.

Said Clowes: "Do not become American. Keep your faith. Keep your families. Be proud Filipinos. ... American Catholics look up to the Philippines and the Filipinos.

"We admire you very much and if you go down because of this RH bill, you're going to let down not only your own country first and Catholics then all over the world. So fight as hard as you can. The whole world is watching."

Clowes claimed that foreign groups were behind the RH bill. He said that pro-RH foreign foundations had a $100-billion war chest, and that the US government in the last 20 years had also allotted $1.66 billion for population control.

"The reason the Philippines is under such a heavy attack now is not a Filipino idea. That RH bill, it is handed and written by groups such as the Center for Reproductive Rights, [Susan Wolf] Meyer in New York City, he [said]. Because when you look at the groups like the International Planned Parenthood Federation based in ... London," Clowes said.

"What they want to do is sideline the Church. They want to suppress the family. [But] I've always seen the Filipino as proud of the faith. Wherever I go in the world, there they are, and they are always faithful. They are teaching the faith. They are spreading the faith, and they are always a great inspiration for me," he said.

## With laity's help

The Catholic Church has successfully blocked the passage of an RH bill in past Congresses. But the chances of the bill's passage in the present Congress have increased with the backing of President Aquino and the ruling Liberal Party.

After a number of exchanges, the CBCP and Malacañang are keeping in a smoother and healthier series of dialogues that began last month.

Odchimar said that in the next meeting with the President, the bishops would bring along lay experts in economics, medicine, law and demography to better present their cases.

"We bishops are aware of our limitations. Since our major line is the line of morality, we will enlist help from laypeople [with] specific expertise," Odchimar said.

He said it would be "a concerted presentation of the position of the Church," which would also show that "the majority of the Church in the Philippines is composed of laypeople," and not only of bishops.

Odchimar said that during the bishops' most recent meeting with the President in Malacañang, which took three hours, the latter "[allied] most of the time about his projects, his accomplishments, and it was only in the last 20 minutes [that] we discuss the RH bill."

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## Excommunication, etc.

The bishops had met with Mr. Aquino to explain reasons they were planning to mount a civil disobedience campaign or excommunicate him.

"We tried to clear the air of the misconception from the reports I [or Cardinal Vidal] never threatened him with excommunication, and that the bishops had not discussed civil disobedience as of the moment. And we have not discussed it yet," Odchimar said.

Asked if the bishops intended to discuss such serious steps, the CBCP president said, "I do not know. We have to cross the bridge when we come to it."

He said the bishops would hold more meetings with Mr. Aquino and members of his Cabinet on the RH bill and the "culture of life."

"We're trying to approach it, for example, [from the angle of] corruption, which could be one of the causes of poverty in the Philippines. And, as Pope John Paul II said, 'If we can't corrupt, no one will be poor,'" Odchimar said.

"So, to be pinpointing [corruption as the primary and the sole cause of poverty in the Philippines] is, I think, logical," he said.

## Solution to poverty

Clowes said contraception had been used in the United States for nearly 50 years but still "you have 50 million poor people."

"The solution to poverty is not to kill [families] but to have children—the more because children are the greatest treasure we have. The solution to poverty is the abundance of marriage ... not only in the Philippines but also in the US and every other nation. The solution to poverty is to care for the poorest of the poor, not to tell them not to have any children," Clowes said.

Odchimar said there were "other aspects" of poverty that needed to be addressed, like "the equitable distribution of resources [and] land reform."

"Guys, for example, is an agricultural country. How much of the budget is disbursed to agriculture?" he said.

Odchimar said it was ironic that despite the fact that the International Rice Research Institute was based in the Philippines, the country remained a major importer of rice.

"Now, Vietnam, which was devastated by a war, has developed a rice-producing outlook, and we are importing rice from [it]. That is a sort of [proof] of the lopsided utilization of our resources," he said.

Odchimar also said pro-RH groups were focusing on overpopulated cities in urban areas but were ignoring "the situation in the countryside."

"That is very unjustice and that is not fair," he said, adding that the bishops were also against illegal logging and "irresponsible" mining.

## Face-to-face meetings

Odchimar said the CBCP had directed its members to meet with their congressmen in provinces the latter is vote against the RH bill.

"Instead of having a sort of dialogue between the CBCP and Malacañang, we have asked [our] bishops to talk personally with their respective congressmen," he said, adding:

"Of course, ... we really don't know what is in the mind of the congressmen. Some of them are just being diplomatic, so you cannot be so sure of their position unless the time for a head count comes."

# Inquirer photographer awarded for doing what he loves best

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Catholic Mass Media Awards' Gold Pluma for having won seven times for his photographs that appeared in the Inquirer.

To Bacaltos, photography is not just a job, it is also a means of seeing the world.

"Every day, all you see around you are people. It's up to you how you are going to create beauty out of that," he said.

Growing up in Ipil, Zamboanga del Sur, Bacaltos never had any idea that he would someday become a photographer. What he knew of photography then, he learned from books.

He did not get to hold a camera until he was 21 when he began working in a cousin's photo studio in Cavite. Assigned to take 1"x1" or 2"x2" ID photos, he "soldiered (on) for four hours" blindfolding.

Since joining the Inquirer, Bacaltos has witnessed conflicts, disasters, triumphs and tragedies as well as the heroism of ordinary people.

He has survived three presidents, Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and now has the job of following President Aquino around with his camera.

He does not flinch at the demands and the perils of the job, like dengue, flying bullets, the less-than-ideal work conditions.

At the end of the day it is the picture that matters, Bacaltos said.

"When I see the photograph in the paper the next day, especially in the front page, all the feeling of tiredness disappears," he said.

The Rotary Vocational Excellence Award is given by the Quezon City Rotary Clubs to outstanding men and women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of their business, profession, public welfare or national development.

The award ceremonies were held last Thursday at Camp Aguinaldo. Rotary International District 3780 governor Pablo Tarrazo and Mother Lupon, president of Rotary Club Cubao, Edu and vice president for customer relations of St. Luke's Medical Center, handed out the awards.

In his speech, Tarrazo praised the awardees for the contributions they have made to the country and to their various fields, saying they upheld the highest ethical and professional standards in their work.

The 2010 presentation was the first time that the district as a whole honored excellence awards, he said.

Before this year, the individuals of every club nominated and gave the awards, he said.

## Other awardees

Aside from Bacaltos, the other awardees and the Rotary unit that nominated them were: Honor Ignominious service, Manila East; Artist Honda (motivational artist, Timog); Dr. Jose Fernandez, SJ (social work, BC Loyola Heights); Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista (public service, SE QC Central and BC Annex); Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte (government service/community development, BC Philtoa Mills and St. Farrow); Cdrs. Tarzan Lawrence Hilbo Enriquez (broadcasting, BC Commonwealth); Police Supt. Leo Francisco (police/CIDG 2010 Winner) and Chief Supt. Samuel Pagdilao Jr. (police/CIDG founder, BC New Manila East); Director General Raul Bacalzo (police operations, BC Camp Crame); Renato Bocobo (police/Criminal Investigation), Editha G. Caluza (government, BC North Edsa); Lt. Gen. Ricardo David (military, BC Camp Aguinaldo); Dr. Leonardo Abugado (medicine, BC San Francisco del Monte); Monina C. Bautista (nutritional education and skills development, BC New Manila); Brig. Gen. Ariel Serrado (military physician, BC Cubao West); and Mary Grace S. Peñaloza (coaching, BC Quezon City/Southeast).

ROTARY EXCELLENCE AWARDS Edwin Bacaltos of the INQUIRER receives the Rotary International District, Quezon City Excellence Award for Photojournalism from District Gov. Pablo Gutierrez (left) and Rotary Club, Cubao, Silay president Marites Lagerion during the awards night at Camp Aguinaldo. RAFFY LERMA

READ-ALONG AWARD Inquirer's Read-Along wins the Special Reading Advocacy Award for "being the contagious initiative that has grown to call its goal of creating a nation of readers" from the Reading Association of the Philippines on Nov. 4. Inquirer Library head Mody Gregorio and Junior Inquirer editor Ruth Navarro receive the award for the team. They are joined by fellow awardees, children's book author Dr. Luis Gatmaitan and Alitaptap Storytellers Philippines' Jenjen "Pooh" Diwata and Rizi Rodrigues. RAFFY LERMA

# 3G treat: Goodies for good governance

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[Those interested may call Raya Radio! at 920-1888 or e-mail kayamethilipinism.com.]

Kaya Radio! Youth is hoping to swell its numbers by setting up two stations for the holidays, with the proceeds going to the organization's planned activities to uplift the youth.

In the words of Kaya Radio! head executive Harvey Keh, the project hopes that Filipinos will participate in "something patriotic, something yummy and something good for the country."

"We will sell brownies and cookies and the proceeds will go to [our] projects. Our plan is to go around schools, like a caravan, to promote awareness, provide opportunities for the youth to participate in good governance," said Kaya Radio! Youth president Kat Pantoja.

"We would like to start them young. Those who are expected to vote for the first time in 2013, we could start engaging them," she said.

## Buy or bake

Because good governance is a concept that is admittedly "not sexy" for the youth to pay much attention, Kaya Radio! hopes that chocolates will do the trick.

"Those who want to help yourself or don't know what they can do: Go here, order it indirectly. This can help. They can simply buy the goodies or even volunteer to bake," said Pantoja, who takes on a hobby and who will head the baking operation.

The youth zone is also targeting corporations and politicians who want their Christmas giveaways to partake of social responsibility.

"Our targets are corporate offices and the government. We will send them letters asking if they want the goodies as their gifts for the holidays," Pantoja said.

The brownies will sell for P150 a dozen, and the cookies, P150 a dozen. Kaya Radio! Youth hopes to net P400,000.

Apart from using the ever-popular chocolate chips, the group will top the brownies with the national colors blue, red and yellow to be considered with the patriotic theme.

"The youth zone is handling all the operations," Pantoja said. "We are starting to take orders now so that if there is a lot of orders, we can get volunteers."

Fellow members have placed early orders.

POLICE check the suspects' vehicle.

# Cops kill 3 rob suspects

MEMBERS of a notorious robbery gang were killed in a shootout with police early Saturday in Cainta, Rizal.

Philippine National Police (PNP) Highway Patrol Group (HPG) commander Chief Supt. Leonardo Espina said the dispatched members of Task Force Lindsay in Antipolo City to verify reports that members of the Silway Silway Group would be robbing a fish delivery truck and its crew of P5 million in sales.

The scene opened when they believed were the group of robbers on board a van taking the truck at around 2:00 a.m. After verifying that the van was stolen, the HPG operatives decided to follow the suspects. They called for backups from the Cainta police.

The suspects sensed that they were being shadowed by the police and sped off in try to elude arrest. When the suspects reached the Cainta Junction, they ran into a police checkpoint.

When the suspects reached the ROTC-Hamilon Avenue in Barangay San Juan, Cainta, they opened fire on pursuing policemen. A gun battle ensued until the van crashed into a house.

Three of the suspects were killed. Police also recovered three .45 cal. pistols from the suspects.

Espina identified one of the suspects as Demetio Capillas. He said his men were still hunting three more suspects who escaped from the scene on two motorcycles they rode after the crash. Ali-cia de Payoa

# Alert level 1 raised on Mount Bulusan

By Mar S. Arguelles, Inquirer Southern Luzon, and Lolit B. Salarzon

LEGAZPI CITY—The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) has raised the alert level of Mt. Bulusan in Sorsogon province from 0 to 1 following an ash eruption on Saturday morning.

Alert level 1 means that the volcano is in an abnormal state.

In its latest bulletin, the Phivolcs said the volcano ejected a light grayish steam-and-ash column that lasted for 37 seconds and reached 600 meter high at around 8:51 a.m.

Ash fall rained down on areas six to 10 kilometers northwest of the crater.

In Juban town, traces of ash were reported in the town proper and in the villages of Bangon, Anyog and Cogon. Ash falls were also reported in the Guinahuan town proper and Barangay San Antonio.

The Phivolcs said there were also five volcanic earthquakes recorded by the seismic networks around the volcano in the past 24-hour observation period. It also said the hydrothermal disturbance underneath the volcano might cause more steam and ash ejections.

The Phivolcs reminded the public not to venture into the four-kilometer danger zone of the volcano's 9-km extended southeast sector lying near the slopes to be extra alert against sediments in the event of heavy rains.

In Manila, Phivolcs director Renato Solidum said that these was still no indication that Bulusan would be more active in the coming days and days ragma.

Solidum said a team of experts had been dispatched to the volcano to keep an eye on its activity.

But he also said that Phivolcs did not see the need for any evacuation of nearby areas, noting that the prohibition on entering the four-kilometer permanent danger zone was sufficient for now.

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## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, November 7, 2010
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers were arrested with their mother. One by one they were scourged and flogged to force them to eat the flesh of a pig which was prohibited by the Law.

One of them, speaking in behalf of all, said, "What do you want to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the law of our ancestors."

At the moment of his last breath, he said, "Murderer you are dismal as from life, but the King of the world will raise us up. He will raise us up to live forever since we are living here for the sake of His laws."

After this, they punished the third. He stuck his tongue out when asked to, bravely stretched forth his hands, and even had the courage to say: "I have received these limbs from God, but for love of his laws I now renounce them freely." The king and his court were touched by the courage of this young man, so unconcerned about his own sufferings.

When this one also died, they subjected the fourth to the same torture. At the point of death, he cried out, "I would rather die at the hands of men, and wait for the promises of God who will raise us up; you, however, shall have no part in the resurrection of life."

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

May Christ Jesus our Lord who has loved us, and God our Father, who in his mercy gives us everlasting comfort and true hope, strengthen you in every good deed you have said and make you steadfast in every good work and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Word of God may spread rapidly and be glorified wherever it is at work with you. May God guard us from unkind and evil people, since not everyone has faith. The Lord is faithful, he will strengthen you and keep you safe from the Evil One. Besides, we have in the Lord that confidence in you, that you are and will continue to do the other we order you. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with this question, "Master, in the scripture Moses told us: If anyone dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother must take the wife, and the child to be born will be regarded as the child of the deceased man. Now, there were seven brothers, the first married a wife, but he died soon after, and the second and then the third took his wife; in fact all seven died leaving no children. Last of all the woman died. So, in the day of the resurrection, to which of these will the woman be wife? For the seven had been as wife."

And Jesus said to them, "The children of this world in order to propose to people of this world, but for those who are considered worthy of this world to come and of resurrection from the dead, direct is no more marriage. Besides, they cannot even die any more, for like angels. They are the sons and daughters of God because they are born of the resurrection.

"Yes, the dead will be raised, and even Moses implied it in the passage about the burning bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. For he is God of the living and not of the dead, and for him all are alive."

Commentary:

"God is the God of the living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive."

The life of God encompasses his creation.

When God is, life is in all his beings material and spiritual.

"There is nothing to fear from death for the way we live in God now we will live forever.

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## Fire kills 8 in southern Philippines

ISLE ESCAPE through a commercial building in Dagupan de Oro City early Saturday, killing eight members who lived there. Police said the arsonists were unable to escape from the pre-dawn fire. Six others escaped but were injured. Seven investigators said the building, used for wholesaling canned goods, had been fortified with a steel gate and had one passages to stop burglars that also hampered escape and rescue efforts. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. AP

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'NEMABOT' A Filipino student makes his nation's debut in the Robo Olympics as he robot lifting a mini basketball ring—styled in the Creative Category of the World Robot Olympiad at Mall of Asia.

# Terror alert? 22 nations ...

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Gomez remarks, which pushed through even with an earlier advisory against travel to the Philippines because of a perceived threat.

The World Robot Olympiad, which was first held in Singapore in 2004, is a global science competition for young people involving robotics.

Participants, organized into teams for different categories, are asked to assemble robots to solve a specific problem. Teams also have to present designs for robots, based on a given theme. The contest is conducted in three different age groups: elementary, junior and senior high school.

## What security jitters?

If there were any jitters, it was not from security concerns but rather from the presence of competitors in what is considered as one of the world's most prestigious robotics contests for students.

"What travel advisory? This is the best example, the best proof that the Philippines is safe place to be in," said Mon Libosi, director of the Science and Technology Information Institute (STII) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the lead organizer of the event.

"At the height of all the tension seen all over the world, names from 22 countries came here. Kids, parents, students, spending time to tour anywhere," Libosi said.

"We are showing all that we have security, safety and that the Philippines is a good place to collaborate," said Dave Ogena, director of DOST's Science Education Institute.

It is the first time for the Philippines to host the event and organizers envisioned it to be a showcase of Philippine culture and of Filipino excellence.

Organizers were initially worried that the Asg. 26 bus hostage debacle in which eight Hong Kong tourists and the hostage-taker were killed in a bungled rescue attempt, would be a cause for concern among the countries that had confirmed participation.

## Delegates from 6 countries

In the event, some 1,000 participants, teachers and parents from Asia, Europe and Africa showed up for the WRO in Manila, many of them from the six countries that are acknowledged their victories in previous WRO Philippines—Australia, the United States, New Zealand, France, Russia and Canada.

Participants from Denmark, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Peru, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Taipei, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Ukraine all swear about with plans to fly to Manila.

"We were surprised that they were very positive. After what happened in the Quirino Grandstand, we were apprehensive, but they were not swayed off. They said they'd come and they are here," Ogena said.

## Robots for tourism

"Do you see fear in their faces? Are they scared? Is there any sign of fear? They would rather think of the positive, they would rather look ahead. Some of these inspiring stars behind them, and hopefully they will carry all the positive things back to their countries," Libosi said.

The international sojourn turned in fit with the event's theme, "Robots Promote Tourism."

Teams from the elementary, junior high school and senior high school categories were asked to assemble robots to play traditional Filipino games like pak sa kaldero and tumbang preso.

In the traditional tumbang preso, the players' goal is to hit a container being guarded by a prisoner and to cover it before the guard can recapture them.

In the AKO version of tumbang preso, a robot is "required to leave the bowled box from the starting point, cross a timed gate, knock down a bottle, secure and bring along a bottle to the finish line."

Competing senior high school students took part in the pato sabi, a game usually played in the Philippines during town fiesta where the children climb a greased bamboo pole to get the flag at the end of every pole.

A ROBOT NAMED PANDY Made by students of Dr. Yanga's Colleges Inc., this robot presents Philippine history in the Korean, Spanish and English languages. A virtual teacher shows historical images of the Philippines.

I, ROBOT A Malaysian student maneuvers a toy in the Creative Category of the World Robot Olympiad at SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, on Saturday.

The students competing in this category had their robots climb bin poles and retrieve a ball at the end of each pole.

## Robots near PH

Another contest for the elementary division was the "Tour of the Philippines" competition, in which various tourist spots in the country were featured.

Robots were made to trace a line demarcated around the map of the Philippines that was dotted with obstacles like ramps, bumps and curves, representing Philippine landscapes and tourist spots, and to begin a pingpong ball to the finish line.

Teams also showcased their creations in open robot projects in the open category, some displaying tourist destinations in their own countries.

## Awarding rites today

The winners of the Olympiad will be held at its awarding ceremonies today at the Taal City of the Manila Hotel.

"We all come together, people from all over the world with the same passion for robotic education, who believe that hands-on learning is much more effective than the classroom instruction method and who believe that robotic challenge will nurture our students, their problem-solving skills, communication skills, and creativity that are most needed for 21st century challenges," said Eugene Zhang, the WRO chair.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

# OPINION

## Terror incognito

SOMETIMES THE most terrifying things come from those who are supposed to keep us safe. Amid the sudden chatter about a possible, even imminent, terror attack on Philippine soil, everyone is taking the threat seriously—except our very own officials.

"There is no imminent threat, there is no information which says there is an impending attack," said Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman Brig. Gen. Jose Mabanta.

**EDITORIAL**

Then it turned out the Philippines, somehow, apparently had no access to the very information cited by the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand when those very countries warned their respective citizens to steer clear of the Philippines due to a possible terrorist strike. "We do not have a threat other than the normal threat from terrorist groups," Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said, making a reference to homegrown terrorists.

There seems to be two distinct possibilities behind the Philippine government's unclenched reaction, both of which seem already unfortunately zoned out loud by President Aquino.

The first possibility is that the information is wrong. Despite the urgency with which the five countries are dealing with this piece of information, the Aquino administration is espousing an almost cavalier attitude toward it. It isn't true—that's the government's story and it's sticking to it. "There are certain implications that we are studying but we will express our displeasure that there is no adequate basis," Mr. Aquino said.

The other was that these alarmed countries had the information, and did not share it with the Philippines. "There were several countries that distanced this among themselves and we are the targets and lots of these people are our allies. I think we should have been informed," the President said. That possibility seems to have increased Mr. Aquino's mere because we were out of the loop than because it was an inherently precarious situation. It's almost as if the countries felt the Philippines didn't have to know about it.

The problem is that, regardless of which one is true, shouldn't we be taking the possibly imminent terror threat seriously anyway?

What are the chances that the information the five countries possess is wrong? What possible reason would they have to warn people away from the Philippines? More to the point, it doesn't matter. In this age of bombs being sent through parcel services and buses being targeted for greater casualties, our threats should be taken lightly, no matter how ludicrous it might be. There should be no such thing as a "normal" terrorist threat. Every time some government official mentions that such alarmist alerts will have a detrimental effect on the local tourism industry, one wonders where the government's priorities lie.

In the Philippines in such a precarious financial situation that it feels this most recent alert will essentially annihilate tourism? And if the Philippines were last to know, what does it matter now? It is disturbing that the five countries—their territories home to many Filipinos and considered friendly to us—found and digested this information without letting us know. They did not even provide us with it; we only found out after the travel advisories were issued. The next question is, "What now?"

Whether or not this particular rumor turns out to be real, it is important to deal with such threat as the real thing. In a world where information can be as potent a destroyer as the explosives themselves, it is the Philippine government's first duty to ensure that its citizens are safe, even if it looks like jumping the gun, even if it looks like they are erring on the side of caution. It's the correct response, no matter what.

The greater problem is complacency, not fear. The bigger danger is loss of human life, not a blow to tourism. It is embarrassing to be portrayed as being caught unaware as the Aquino government has been caught, but the loss of face should not lead to a state of denial, especially a state of denial that could lead to death and destruction.

For a government to put pride before its people, that even guilty would be the most terrifying of all.

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## Blindsided by allies

**PUBLIC LIVES**

*Randy David*

WE CANNOT question the right of governments to warn their citizens if the danger they may face where they travel to particular places abroad. Indeed, the failure to warn, especially when warranted, makes a government vulnerable to possible class suits by their citizens. But, if these governments are our friends, does the safety of their citizens who are our guests is as much our concern as it is theirs. And we assume they feel the same way about the security of our own people.

Given these premises, it seems the height of rudeness for the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and France to issue warnings about imminent terrorist attacks in the Philippines without bothering to share this information with our government. It is as if, after enjoying our hospitality, and even as they continue to live with us, they are telling their nationals to avoid coming here—without letting us know exactly what the motive is. How are we supposed to take this?

Let's imagine the reverse. (I would certainly have been, to say the least, insensitive if, in the aftermath of 9/11, our Department of Foreign Affairs issued an advisory against travel to the United States. Having been at the forefront of the so-called global war on terrorism, countries like the United States and the United Kingdom may wish to believe they have better information than anybody else, including the host government, about an impending terrorist attack against a specific country. But, if they are our friends, and we are partners in a common effort against terrorism, don't they owe it to us to share the information with us so we could advise our own citizens to take precautions? Surely, there is a lapse in diplomacy here.

The US advisory declares: "The State Department warns US citizens of the risks of terrorist activity in the Philippines, particularly in the southern Philippine islands of Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago. Terrorist attacks could be indiscriminate and could occur not only in the southern islands but also in other areas, to include Manila." The British travel advice echoes the same line: "There is a high threat from terrorism throughout the Philippines. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places frequented by expatriates and foreign travelers. Both phrases could include, but are not limited to, airports, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants, etc." The almost uniform language in which these advisories are cast prompts one to suspect they are drawn from a common source.

I am less worried about the impact of such travel warnings on Philippine tourism than on what they imply about the current state of international relations. If President Aquino was not previously alerted about the nuances of these travel warnings, which is why he is now reduced to having to find out for himself what is the norm with the kinds of notes in the minutes of the Apec meeting in Japan, I would say our foreign office is either not doing its work or it is being completely outplayed by the major foreign missions in Manila. Either way, the implications are alarming.

The Philippines took a huge stake in the US-led war on global terror when it decided to send troops to Iraq and Afghanistan, and even to Somalia in the wake of the "Battle of the Black Sea" that America cobbled together to lend legitimacy to its invasion of Iraq. That way, which reduced an entire nation to rubble and killed more than a million innocent Iraqi civilians, has been found to be based on the wrong assumptions. On top of this folly, we succumbed to the incorporation of the domestic conflict in Mindanao as a component of the global war on terror by allowing US troops to participate in Aunjo against Muslim Filipino insurgents. Today, as we wake up to the one-sided character of the Visiting Forces Agreement, seeking its re-negotiation if not its abrogation, we find ourselves suddenly bombarded by heightened warnings of imminent terrorist attacks. Is this just a coincidence, or a cynical way of subverting public opinion?

We, Filipinos, are, of course, accustomed to ignoring advisories against travel to unfriendly places like Iraq or Afghanistan. We have a high threshold for risk. The more dangerous a Muslim nation is, the more attractive it seems as it comes as a place of work. And those days only a few Filipinos travel abroad for any reason other than to find jobs.

Okay, may be a poor country, but it remains the only country in Asia that has never been colonized by foreigners. The thirst of everyday life is intrinsically fragile. But that is true everywhere. A temporarily deranged person can pop up anytime, from anywhere, brandishing a weapon or a grenade, commandeers a transit bus or chases everyone who crosses his path. An incident like this can happen as often in the United States and the United Kingdom as in the Philippines. Yet, for all the exotic crimes we regularly read in our newspapers or hear in the early evening news, we go through the routines of daily life with little thought of the danger that lurks in every corner. Maybe we should be more security conscious. But, the security we crude is not entirely foolish or naïve.

We may often think we have become an uncaring people, but, in fact, civic consciousness remains alive in a lot of Filipinos. We are generous to what happens to people in our presence regardless of whether we know them or not. We step to help people in emergency situations. We take risks to volunteer information that may be useful to the authorities. Police stability is no doubt important to maintaining peace and order, but, in the end, it is the spirit of community that makes a place safe. And that is true for the world as a whole as it is for a country.

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## Going home

**MOMENTS**

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

THE STORY is told about a man who died while on a business trip in Amsterdam. When asked by photo about the burial arrangements, the wife insisted that the remains be brought back home to their country even if it were expensive. When asked why, she said, "Don't bury him there because I heard that years ago, a man was buried there and he rose again!"

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In today's Gospel (Lk. 20, 27-38) Jesus tells His disciples that the dead will rise again. Death is not the end. But God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. Because of Christ and the Resurrection, we will live with God when our earthly life ends, and we will meet our departed relatives and friends again. This is the promise, and the challenge of the Resurrection.

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I will be happy to embrace my father when I meet him again someday when He left this world in 1987. A lot of things have happened to me and to our family since then, and what a reunion it would be when we could talk and share again. Heaven is not impersonal and cold. On the contrary, it is a personal and warm homecoming with our Creator and with our departed loved ones.

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Our earthly loves and relationships do not end in death. We will meet each other again in our best and purest form, minus the heartaches, minus issues, minus walls and divisions. There will be peace and rejoicing in heaven. But the highlight of our reunion in heaven is our reunion with our Creator. Over and above our joy of being reunited with our loved ones, our greatest joy will be that of being united with Him and in Him, finally.

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Do you miss a loved one who had gone ahead? Below is a poem I read somewhere. It's titled, "Home but Not Alone": Alone yet never quite alone. I have an empty chair but sometimes in the silence, I imagine you are there. The good companion of the past, no longer here with me, and yet in some mysterious sense, you keep me company. Thought or spirit? Don't matter! What we are sure of, as I feel that you are somewhere near. Though nothing is seen or said, the tender memory passes and my heart is comforted. I receive the strength I need, am rescued from despair. Maybe that's the way God works—by sending us a prayer. Though the pain is never lost and the future is unknown, I face the years that lie ahead, alone, yet not alone...

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"We who looks only at heaven may easily forget his sister on earth." (Gerrit Peterson). While we look forward to heaven, we cannot have heaven in our minds. We are still on earth, and we still have a mission on earth.

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Someone commented that when we get to heaven, we will be surprised to see many people there we didn't expect to see, and many of them will be surprised to see us there! Instead of embracing each other, let us help each other get to heaven. Going to heaven is not a contest!

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There is an interesting poll conducted by USA Today, which showed that Americans are vitally interested in going to heaven. Seventy-two percent think they have a good chance to go to heaven. They also say that 69 percent of their friends will make it to heaven. The thing is that we too should take a deeper look into our chances of going to heaven and, by all means, let us make sure we get there. Keep constantly in mind. Where will I go? How will I go? Where will I go?

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Recently, I visited a woman who is on the brink of death. What amazed me was her equanimity and courage at the doorsteps of eternity. Yes, she is afraid, but she is prepared, she said. "I have lived a life that is full, and I look forward to live my life to the fullest." For, the best preparation for eternal life is to live to the full life in the here and now.

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They said God has two dwelling places: one in heaven, and the other in a humble and grateful heart. If one is humble and grateful, one can experience heaven already here on earth. If one is proud and ungrateful, he/she already experiences and makes others experience hell here on earth.

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Going to heaven or hell is not so much about making a bad start, but making a good finish. Let us not give up on ourselves, and let us not give up on others. Why? Because God does not give up on us. Hope. Let us continue to hope in God's mercy and love.

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Let us ask the Lord constantly for the grace of a happy death. When the time comes for us to go, may we be ready to face Him. Let us likewise pray for the grace of a meaningful life. When we leave this world, may we not have much regret that we loved too little, too late.

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Fr. Alberto Figueras, SVD from Pilipinas, Shin died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 88 last Nov. 3, 2010. A missionary his zeal, birth to the Salvo Mission accomplished! Father Ben will be buried in Christ the King Seminary, Quezon City after the 3 p.m. Mass on Nov. 9, 2010.

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A memorial with the Lord:
*Lord, help me to live life that is full, graceful and meaningful. Amen.*

# Contempt and disciplinary actions

**WITH DUE RESPECT**

*Antonio V. Pangalangan*

MANY READERS asked me why the Supreme Court could, even without a complaint from anyone, conduct contempt and disciplinary actions against 37 University of the Philippines law professors for merely expressing their opinion on a court decision.

Stunned and aggrieved. The source of the controversy is a "Statement" of the 37 members calling "for the resignation of Justice Mariano C. Del Castillo in the face of allegations of plagiarism in his work." To be precise, the Court required the faculty members to show cause "why they should not be disciplined as members of the Bar for violation of Canons 10, 11, and 13 and Rules 1.02 and 13.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility" (*Re: Letter of the UP Law Faculty*, Dec. 29, 2010).

Three Canons and Rules obligate lawyers to uphold the law and to "refrain from any improper conduct that tends to influence or gives the appearance of influencing the court."

Additionally, Rule 10.01(a) of the Code of Judicial Conduct—which is not a mere and faithful reproduction of the purported statement." He was directed to show cause "why he should not be disciplined as dealt with for violation of Canons 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Rules 1.01 and 10.01," which called lawyers "not to do any falsehood, nor consent to the doing of any in court..."

The Court felt aggrieved by the 37 faculty's declaration of the SC "decision is Wrong vs. Erroneous Statutory Citation on April 28, 2010 decision! But it was not. Because the statement appeared a reprehensible act of dishonesty and misrepresentation by the highest Court of the land."

The Court lamented that the "result to the most here of the Court was aggravated by insinuations of deliberately debasing the sanctities of said Decision." And, to diminish the basis of [Del Castillo] sources, the Court's alleged "indifference to the cause of petitioners, as well as to the supposed alarming lack of concern of the members of the Court for even the most basic values of decency and respect."

It is contrary to democracy. Policy also repealed the principle that it is the right of couples "to decide on the size of their families" guided by their conscience, as well as by "informed use of the different methods of family planning."

The librarian referenced the government's actions to penalize and to the ideas of policy, especially to address the issue of trafficking of women. Erlinda sounded well aware that the Philippines has been on the US State Department's watch-list on trafficking since 2001, causing severe adverse consequences to our migrant labor and cases of trafficking now before the legal system.

"We will continue the movement to protect the dignity of women," he declared.

While heartening, the President's declaration that he was mandated to "bring an end to gender discrimination" within the next "three years" is a promise, with so many barriers yet to be supplied. Still, it was a welcome message that the women of TODAY are armed with much appreciation.

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BUT it was the response in behalf of all 11 awardees, by multi-awarded GMA-7 news and public affairs reporter Kara David, which outlined the resolve not just of the awardees but of all Filipino women to carve their niches and play their rightful role in Philippine society.

Nervous at first before the Filipino, the speech resonated with hope and determination. Just days before, recalled Kara, she had visited a mountain community in Bicol to where there were no roads, no electricity, where people "would be lucky to taste rice once a week, and to see a doctor before they die." It was enough to plunge one into despair, she served Kara, "but as they said, our country may be poor, but we are rich in hope. We may lack money, but we are rich in empathy."

And this very ephesis, said Kara, why she and her co-awardees persist in their efforts to serve society:

"This may be the reason why Marissa Buenaventura's heart leads on the good life abroad and sought to launch projects dealing with agriculture and malnutrition.

"Why at the age of 25 when others her age are still enjoying themselves, Rose Fernandez chose to help the mothers of Tondo and instill them to start a livelihood cooperative.

"Why Rep. Arlene Bag-ao chose to walk and struggle with the Tumbas farmers and defend the marginalized...

"Why in the face of danger, Jose Enrique constantly risks exposure to the world of trafficking...

"Why Dr. Carmela Lapitan decided to stay here and serve the poor in the five remotest municipalities of the Philippines..."

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"PEOPLE Lauro David continues to brave the rough seas to help out fisherfolk face the challenges of climate change...

"Why Stella Alabastro Quimbo continues to hone her expertise in crafting health policy...

"Why Gina Rudoy persists in using means and media to raise the consciousness of our youth...

"Why Myrla Villanueva continues to strive in the field of telecommunications to develop products to help the many...

"Why Regina Reyes-Lecaroz Rimapen continues to aid the psychological challenges of OFWs to help them rebuild their families...

"And why I will continue to climb mountains, gathering news and serving as a bridge to link [those] who have to be listened to..."

Two decades ago, the names of the TOWNS awardees would have been unknown. The "Outstanding Pioneers of the New Society" [it was founded during martial law] to "The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service," "Service in the nation," said Kara, "is the other face of the coin." And so TOWNS recognizes not merely accomplishment but for their dedication in service; to living lives that go beyond one's person and money are so helping build the nation we all love.

# Noynoy bares his heart to TOWNS

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

MUCH HAS been made of President Aquino's dig at Rep. Mary Quimbo during the awards rite for The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) last Friday. The President's impromptu quip—he's both philosophy/demographic for his wife Shi, Stella Alabastro-Quimbo, awardee for health policy and "nerve-dad" to their two young sons and baby daughter, and appeared quite on demand by their obligations.

"I was tempted to use my speech sheet and just point out the example of Representative Quimbo," the President said in Filipino, adding that it seemed a pattern of things to come for Filipino men: Boss his added, in a voice tinged with wonder, "Ang galing nila! Imagine, they can do it all!" all he like that, and perhaps a man can get back at us," drawing laughter and rousing hoots from his largely female audience, all sympathizing, perhaps, with the country's first bachelor President and the trials of his heart.

But his kind words Friday seems ready to concede some ground to women, noting that he has learned the lesson well from his first woman president, when "if a congressman's appropriation was cut and asked some support for a bill, you could bet that a congressman appeared face later for his support for a bill that I will veto."

Still, the President declared, bridging the "gender gap" was one of the main goals of his presidency, since "gender equality is a big factor in economic development," adding that "there can be no real democracy while there is a gender discrimination" in laws and reality. He also spoke proudly of the "strong mandate" given to the Philippine Commission on Women to advance and protect women's rights, while mentioning that efforts are underway to "localize" the provisions of the newly-passed Magna Carta of Women, with the "full integration of social welfare, local government, and budget tasked to ensure that the landmark legislation is implemented down to the barangay level. The President likewise added that he was directing the Commission on Women to continue with its annual audit of government agencies on the proper use of the gender and development budget.

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READING the messages of how gender equali-

# Reynafe

DEAR DR. Isidro Barlaan—It is Monday, high noon, when you hear the story. Your son tells you he heard about it from his teachers. He says it's the talk of the school.

At first they say it was a kidnapping. You breath is off, there's no reason to be afraid. Politicians are involved. They will kill each other off and hand each other to hell, and life will go on business as usual in Binahaan.

Then days, the old man cutting your ears everyone is dead. He says there were homicides with the Mangubelan convoy heading for the capitol, that they are dead too. You begin to worry. At first in the afternoon, your uncle, a retired policeman, calls to ask if your father has been visiting. You tell him you have not seen your father since the funeral the day before, the day he crossed the street to where you and your son were watching the street dancing in line you on the forehead and put your hand.

No, he hasn't been here, Uncle.

He tells you your father had gone with the Mangubelans convoy to Manila. Something about Hilega's candidacy.

No, you tell him. No. He must be joking, or lying. He must be wrong. You do not leave after to feel or think, all you know is your father could be dead and you are shaking as you grip the phone. You ask if he's sure. He says he is, because they're what before told him before he left. You ask if there is anyone left alive. He says reports claim there are more.

Your husband is not home; all you have are the children. When you tell them, your oldest sons begin to scream. Take it back, he says. It's not real. Take it back. Your youngest son is crying. They are grandma's boys, the only grandchildren. You want to cry and call because someone has to hold them.

All night, you are awake. You pray. You call who you can, and the unknown information you can get. You are told of the phone call to your uncle, your father saying he was attending a press conference in Buluan. The phone call to your cousin, borrowing a motorcycle to ride into town. The phone calls from your father to Joy Bulang, of DWFS, your father's friend, convincing the commercial media station to join the convoy. Your cousin's motorcycle and Bulang's air ride by side in Buluan, when they were left before the convoy took to the road.

You pray that they are all wrong. You pray that if it's true, old Father Mommy of the Mangubelan and your cousin's nephew's motorcycle in into Buluan with his good friend Joy Bulang he had not joined the convoy. If he did, you pray that he managed to escape. that he is at the motorcycle hiding in the hills of singsarum.

You head to the provincial capitol, where families with concerns. You are told that a number of vehicles are being guarded by the governor. You are asked why you are there. You say you were told your father was part of the convoy. They check the list from Buluan. Your father's name is on the list.

You go from hospital to funeral parlor. You smell the bodies from the highway. You walk in to see bodies. They are riddled with bullets. They stink of decomposition. You see that bodies are not serial soldiers. The rest of the corpses are on the floor. The stench is like gangrene, only a thousand times worse than the strength of a fist to the face. No questions are asked here; bystanders walk in to poke at bones, you bear laughing.

The first body you open is your father's. On the body you fathered the children you love, your father said: now the rudeness is his, right from a cousin. When you lift the jacket to see, there is only half a man's face left, the other side has been crushed to a pulp. there are worms slithering past what used to be skin. It is ugly. You have to work out it. When you're to dam the body another family comes in, claims it for their own. The police are scattered, the police are in the massacre site, they say. It didn't seem to belong to anyone. They want it is to count their father's face.

The numbers of dead rise to the late afternoon of Nov. 23. You stand in the stench and wait. Body 47, 48, 49. They find a red Toyota Hilux, a DSTV van, a blue-grey Tamaraw FX. They do not find your father.

Our funeral home refuses to allow relatives to inspect bodies. They tell you to wait for the police. You wait. Six more than a day. When finally the corpses are wrapped of plastic wrapping, you find the man you think is your father. See, he has size-legs. See, didn't see always say Papa had fun. See, he has a scar on his left arm. See, he is really. You wait for the police officer, you ask him to open the mouth. If this man has dentures, this man is Datu Mommy Datuat, says the doctor, intact.

So you keep searching. You fight over bodies, and begging after the military packed in their shovels. You wait...at 27 cadaver that "have been identified" by the police and the military. You are told you need a death certificate to prove murder, you are asked to prove he was part of the convoy. Two of the 57 bodies are connected, you ask for DNA testing, and are told the country does not have the technology to find DNA already soaked in formalin.

You wait. You wait. You wait. You believe he is gone. You desire your father served. On the site, another team finds your father's teeth. You hope he's a body, if only to think a place to light a candle one year after he died.

This is what happened on Nov. 23, 2009, the morning Ong Mangubelan instructed two of her women to leave the corner to purchase meals for the journalists and supporters waiting their turn, the same morning the elderly Carolina Ogano stepped into the white van to keep his lawyer daughter safe. On Nov. 23, 58 men and women were killed, including father Mommy, Midland Review photojournalist, father, grandfather, and the son of man who would give his daughter a kiss one on the street on a Sunday afternoon in Sesame.

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**THEY SAID**

## A relationship

"Too many people thought, 'I've paid my taxes—the state will look after everything.' But citizenship isn't a transaction in which you pay your taxes and get your services out. It's a relationship—you're part of something bigger than yourself."

—Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron speaking at the annual Conservative Party Conference

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# Building the India-US partnership

**WORLD VIEW**

*Ashley J. Tellis*

WASHINGTON, DC—President Barack Obama's first presidential visit to India offers a unique opportunity to enhance a global partnership with a rapidly emerging power set to become the world's third or fourth largest economy by 2030. India could become America's most important strategic partner.

In coming decades, a strong bilateral partnership will prove vital in managing the rise of China and protecting an Asian balance of power that is favorable to India, the United States and Asia as a whole. India's and America's long-standing democratic freedom globally and protects liberal values in Asian institutions.

Yet, as many observers have noted, US-India relations have recently become listless and marked by drift. Both countries are to blame. Obama has underestimated India's importance to his priorities, including the troubled US economy and ongoing wars abroad. India's government has been notably occupied with domestic political struggles and the challenge of sustaining economic growth amid rising pressures for redistribution. Moreover, India's difficult relations with many of its neighbors, continuing that supports a rapidly transformed relationship with the United States.

This trip provides a great opportunity for both sides to reinvigorate a critical relationship.

For his part, the Obama administration should strive to establish a bipartisan basis for support for India's rise, its democratic achievements, and its struggle for security. Notably, the United States should reaffirm its support for a larger Indian role in international organizations and help integrate India into the global non-proliferation regime.

At the same time, the Obama administration should welcome India's quest for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. Obama should also support India's membership in key non-proliferation organizations like the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Missile Technology Control Regime.

Third, new, must do its part. It can begin by creating greater opportunities for US firms—including from the nuclear industry—to invest in India's economic sector. It can expand defense cooperation beyond purchases of American-made military equipment by deepening its diplomatic engagement with the United States to help find solutions to the difficult problems emerging from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. In short, India's government should look for ways to sustain America's interests in India during difficult times.

Both countries should consolidate their cooperation in other areas already agreed upon: agriculture, energy, health care, energy, and science and technology. Obama's trip offers an opportunity for taking stock, expanding initiatives that have matured, and announcing new projects that will promote global benefits.

The latter include developing an international food security initiative, capitalizing on increased international interest in India, expanding clean-energy research, investing in global disease detection systems, and collaborating in explore shale gas extraction. In addition, the United States and India should create innovative partnerships, which would not only yield shared returns to investors, but would also demonstrate how states have a strong bilateral relationship can improve the international system.

The United States and India should expand co-

operation on other multilateral issues as well. The global economic crisis and new fears of US protectionism have motivated India to rethink its attitude toward the Doha Development Round. If Obama can weather domestic resistance to new international trade negotiations and modify America's current position on sectoral tariff reduction by developing countries, the United States and India will have an opportunity to break the impasse that has stymied the Doha Round's successful conclusion.

Ultimately, a strong US-India partnership is in both countries' strategic interest. Their societies are already intertwined—and will be even more so in the future—by various personal, economic and social links. Moreover, Obama should seize the urge to approach the bilateral relationship purely in transactional terms, but instead should seek to strengthen India's long-term capacity to be a productive partner with the United States.

In short, Obama ought not to ask, "What will India do for us?" but rather "In a strong, democratic and independent India, America's interests are best served." If the answer to this question is yes, as it should be—then the United States should focus on how it can help India's power continue to grow.

By reaffirming the US commitment to aid India's rise, and by emphasizing America's fellowship with India, Obama can help bring the two countries' relationship to its full potential. Anything less, and more than relationship for toward squalls quickly. That effort must start now.

Project Syndicate

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# TALK of the TOWN

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Libra Joan V. Santos Jr.

## CASH-TRANSFER PROGRAM

# Right to education, health, development

By Corazon Juliano Soliman

WHO ARE THE POOR? Where are they? Ofelia walks every day with her children to the forest to gather bunots of banana plants that she can sell so there is some money to send her children to school. Nenas has to make a choice daily between eating three times a day and allowing her three children to go to school.

Libra is a 14-year-old boy who wakes up at 3 a.m. daily to sell pandesal to his can earn P50, the money he needs for goods to go to school. The young lady still live in the caves of Tulisanan, without opportunities to get proper health and education services.

These examples do not capture the whole picture of who the poor are and where they are. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has developed the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) to identify and locate the poorest of the poor. This became the basis for identifying the beneficiaries of government efforts of the department such as the conditional cash transfer programs.

### Household targeting

The poor were identified through:

1) Geographical targeting based on the family income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) of 2006 and the 2003 Small Area Estimates (SAE), both of which were reviewed by the National Statistical Coordination Board. The FIES identifies the poorest provinces while the SAEs ranks the poorest municipalities.

From the list, barangays are selected based on the following:

- If poverty incidence in a municipality is at least 50 percent all its barangays are to be assessed.
- If poverty incidence is less than 50 percent, barangays are selected based on socioeconomic indicators through pockets of poverty.

2) Household assessment using the household assessment form, administered through interviews. The data gathered are encoded at DSWD regional offices using the software developed by the NHTS-PR. From here, a proxy means test is applied to estimate the poverty level of the households and rank them.

The survey resulted in a database of 5 million households. After running the proxy means test, the NHTS-PR identified 4.6 million families as the poorest of the poor. This is consistent with the estimates of the FIES, but with a significant improvement: the name, place and profile of each family were listed.

### Convergence

A review of DSWD programs and services initiated that there was a need for a mechanism to converge use of resources and expertise. It also showed that there should be a more efficient delivery of services.

Thus, there was an agreement that the convergence and/or complementation of poverty reduction programs are in order. (See diagram.)

### Conditional-cash transfer

The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT), also known as Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps, is a program that aims to help the poorest families enjoy the right to elementary education and to health.

Through this program, President Aquino is ensuring that no one will be left behind. Investment in human capital will be made to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

### 43 countries

The CCT or 4Ps is the backbone of the country's consolidated social protection initiatives. Officially launched in late 2007, it is the country's version of the widely practiced program in Latin American countries such as Mexico and Brazil. (Cash-transfer programs have been adopted in some 43 developing countries, covering more than 110 million families.)

The program has succeeded in the country because it gives the money directly to the poor to be invested in education and health so: 1) more investments in human capital; 2) increase the level of community participation and promote responsibility on the part of beneficiaries through capacity enhancement and family development sessions; 3) promote growth in the local economy by increasing the purchasing power of 4Ps beneficiaries, thus contributing to a more sustainable environment for the development of microenterprises.

Currently, there are 900,000 household beneficiaries in the program. By the end of the year, 1.3 million (4Ps) will reach 2 million households. In 2011, the goal is to add 1.3 million households for a total of 2.3 million by December 2011, half (the 4.6 million households inclined to be living below the poverty line.

The 4Ps is present in all provinces except Batanes. The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has the biggest number of beneficiaries for the expansion at 193,000, because it has the highest poverty incidence rate at 83.6 percent.

The beneficiaries of 4Ps receive P300 per child (maximum of 3 children aged 0-14), for 10 months that the children are in school. The condition is for the child to be in school 85 percent of the schooldays.

### ATM cards

In addition, P500 is given to mothers, especially pregnant and lactating ones, provided that they have pre- and post-natal check-ups and attend monthly family-development sessions.

The cash grants are delivered through Land Bank of the Philippines, either as over-the-counter payments, cash cards (ATMs) or through bank payments.

Recently, the department has replaced the use of G-Cash Smart for far-flung areas such as Batanes, Palawan and Surigao, Quezon, Cebu, Zamboanga and Cotabato. Other modalities are being explored in the pilot areas in the delivery of grants.

Grants are released to the mother because she is presumed to be the most responsible person in the household.

### Compliance verification

To guarantee that the beneficiaries are complying with the conditions, a verification system is in place. The verification is done in partnership with representatives of the Department of Education (teachers and principals) and the Department of Health. (rural health workers, midwives, nurses and doctors).

In 2011, different faith-based organizations, citizen-volunteer groups and development NGOs will be the third one to monitor the program implementation.

In case of noncompliance, a beneficiary may be delisted from the program. Since 2008, the DSWD had delisted some 140,000 beneficiaries due to noncompliance (i.e. not using money for education and health care) or inclusion error (the family should not have been a beneficiary because they do not belong to the poorest of the poor).

### Hotline, e-mail

To foster address complaints and to oversee accountability, a grievance redress system has also been put in place. It will process complaints in the form of written reports or through text messages to the hotline 09189122911. Grievances pertaining to the implementation of the program may also be sent via e-mail through 4ps@dswd.gov.ph and www.

The beneficiary will graduate from the program after five years. Before graduation, preparatory activities are being developed, including capacity building for households as in the case of family development sessions and microenterprise development.

### Community-driven

The second component has the convergence strategy in the Kalahi CIDSS (Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services), which stands for community-driven development.

The program originally is a community empowerment and poverty cycle in which people identify issues and problems bearing them and develop solutions, including projects.

This process is driven by the citizens themselves and they decide the allocation of funds, with the local government unit facilitating the process and providing counterparts for the projects. Kalahi CIDSS also helps them in community access, are managed by the people, who also manage the project.

Kalahi CIDSS encourages cooperation within the community through the provision of financial and technical assistance that would enable beneficiaries to determine and assess their needs for the construction of small infrastructure projects like daycare centers and farm-to-market roads.

These infrastructure projects would increase their income-generating capacity as a community.

Kalahi CIDSS is also aimed for the construction of facilities for the delivery of education and health services, particularly in 426 communities. The program covers 32 regions and 80 provinces in 2009 and 2010 municipalities in municipality is eligible if its poverty incidence is 55 percent based on the 2003 SAEs.

Municipalities are chosen through merit-based filtering done in dialogues with local government units. Projects are presented and reasons why financing for them are necessary to foster growth in the community are explained.

Next year, the program will be expanded to cover 397 municipalities with financing from the Millennium Challenge Corp. fund.

### Sustainable livelihood

The final pillar for poverty reduction is sustainable livelihood or community-driven enterprise development as created by the Bayan Mayunlad Foundation (BayanMo). These are investments that seek to involve the poor in business development, business mobilization, business planning, and business management and sustainability.

The sustainable livelihood component will build on the self-employment assistance program of the DSWD. It is a program for poor families to enable them to build their capacity to engage in enterprise development and manage microenterprises.

A family enterprise can be composed of the members. The DSWD will lend P30,000 per family. Five to 25 families can organize themselves into a business.

### Collateral, interest-free

After two years, the fund should have been returned. It is collateral- and interest-free. The repayment rate of family enterprises is 72 percent. The department is using a revolving fund for this program.

After two years the enterprise will be linked to formal credit institutions.

Bayan Mo Para@All Foundation, Inc., a microinvestment company, is engaged with the DSWD to boost our sustainable livelihood programs by upscaling as a treasury course.

Bayan Mo's microfinancers pilot projects to fund local Asia offering microinsurance services for a whole year. The company's objective is to assist microfinance institutions to establish relevant and sustainable microinsurance programs that are appropriate for the poor.

Another objective is to promote mutual assistance and sharing of resources among microfinance institutions and to facilitate local microfinance infrastructure for microinsurance. Do this now, PrimeMC and Fortune are vital projects in strengthening the current structure of DSWD livelihood projects. It is a public private partnership for the poor.

### Three-pronged

Right to education ... right to health ... right to development. The three-pronged poverty reduction program addresses the deprivation of poor families, especially their right to elementary education and to health, within the context of their right to development.

The three components are driven by empowerment processes in which the resources—such as education and health, and funds for community-driven social service infrastructure, and enterprise development—are in the hands of the poor themselves.

It creates social accountability, builds social capital and transforms patron-dependent communities into empowered and active citizenry. It is called building block for our democracy.

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HOTHER and child avail themselves of free services at a medical mission in Plaza Rajah Sulayman in Manila. EDWIN BACASMAS

# CCT: Centerpiece or centerfold?

By Rep. Edcel C. Lagman

I AM not altogether against the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program as a component of the government's poverty alleviation agenda.

My objections are: (1) the inordinately huge appropriation of P21 billion for CCT in 2011 is beyond the absorptive capacity of the Department of Social Welfare and Development; and (2) the Aquino administration's claim that CCT is its "centerpiece program" is flawed because it is not a comprehensive approach in solving mass poverty.

It took two years to prepare the groundwork to service 1 million household-beneficiaries by 2010. It is foolhardy propaganda to project reaching 2.3 million household-beneficiaries in 2011 or an increase of 1.3 million family-grantees.

What's doable is an increase of 300,000 household-beneficiaries or a total of 1.3 million, including the current 1 million recipients.

With a realistic increase of 300,000 beneficiaries, the appropriation can be pruned down to P15 billion or a reduction of P6 billion. The liberated amount can be realigned to the two public-school allied agencies of the CCT program—the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Education (DepEd)—which both lack the necessary budgets to accommodate the increasing number of CCT beneficiaries.

The DSWD needs ample time to recruit and train additional personnel and procure and distribute more equipment and supplies for the expanded CCT. This would run into the timetable and delay implementation.

This time constraint is compounded by the lack of health centers and medicines to enable mothers to comply with the condition on maternal and child healthcare. This is further aggravated by the lack of teachers and school facilities to satisfy compliance with the condition on school attendance of children from household-beneficiaries.

All told, a good portion of an overstated appropriation will be immobilized due to DSWD inadequate absorptive capacity and the success of the program will be imperiled due to DOH and DepEd inability to fully accommodate the beneficiaries for healthcare and education because of budget constraints.

DSWD projection on the success of the CCT also differentiate between rural and urban poor. The experience in Latin America shows that the program is more successful among the rural poor whose concerns are basically limited to food, health and education, compared with the urban poor where the efficacy of the program is buffeted by variables on drug addiction, criminality, juvenile delinquency and breakdown of families.

Consequently, there should be bias to appropriation for the rural poor. This is not reflected in CCT's proposed budget.

Considering that CCT targets as beneficiaries the "poorest of the poor," the program seems to marginalize the "low poor" who may be more numerous and equally deserving of government assistance.

It is for this reason that a sizable portion of the proposed appropriation for CCT should be for budgetary support to health and education to benefit those among the poor who may not qualify for CCT.

The CCT is deficient as a "centerpiece program" as poverty alleviation or investment in human capital because it is basically selective, not genuinely comprehensive.

Its coverage is not expansive enough to benefit the totality of the poor, so much so that it appears to be more like an overbudgeted "centerfold."

(Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman is the House minority leader.)

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# MNLF wages war on new enemy: Poverty

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T'boli, South Cotabato

BUILT IN the middle of a bamboo-fenced clearing, a 400-square-meter solar dryer is the centerpiece facility of Camp Montazer in hinterland Barangay Lamtulotone in T'boli, South Cotabato.

Hanging from bamboo poles next to each other are the flags of the Philippines, the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). Rolling in the breeze mixed.

A teenaged boy and his mother take advantage of the sun and scatter a rack of upland rice for drying on the pavement, alongside large fruit and copra.

The military scene is a striking display of changes taking place in the MNLF camp, now 14 years after the rebel group made peace with the government through the mediation of Indonesia in behalf of the OIC.

Since the MNLF formally ended its 24-year rebellion on Sept. 2, 1996, with a Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the government, its members in Lamtulotone are boldly grappling with the problem of socio-economic development.

The FPA gave flesh and bones to the landmark Tripoli Agreement of 1976, which paved the way for Muslim political autonomy in Mindanao. It was crafted in the wake of the MNLF siege on Muslimao and Jolo in early 1970s to a bid to break away from the highly centralized Philippine state.

## Deserted

In that way, Lamtulotone was a major MNLF bastion. It overlooks several lowland towns and is connected to a long stretch of mountain ranges that had offered the rebels different escape routes.

"In the early days of the rebellion, this area was where combatants sacrificed most and prepared for battle," said Usman Pendit Colano, chair of the MNLF's Solusan Kinawasan Dinoh Cotabato Revolutionary Committee or SKRC.

Colano, a native Tausgl, left his political science studies to join the war in the 1970s.

Stunned after the shot that interests it, Lamtulotone became a **hamlet** in 1972. The town open, built of the Moro unsetting political dissidence by extending its administrative machinery over the area, the barangay being the smallest unit of government.

Two years later, the villagers fled from a massive Philippine Army offensive in Buda and the rebels and seekers their influence were a major geographic expanse. That was Sept. 14, 1974, Jacarias Tangan vividly remembers.

The military campaign came a week day of the second year of President Ferdinand Marcos' imposition of martial law to protect the republic from the Moro and Maoist insurgencies.

Back then, 8-year old Tangan, along with other children, carried ammunition supplies to the frontline. "That was our role," Tangan, now 41, recalled with a grin.

A fierce aerial assault forced the rebels back and embolden ed the government soldiers to push forward, rumored a fierce combatant who saw action that fateful day.

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## Trapped in poverty

The exit of Tboli and Manobo/Ilonon villagers had difficulty getting past the poverty trap since their return to Lamtulotone. A recent community assessment found many of the 3,048 people, especially the children, still poor, malnourished and hungry.

Of, average, gross monthly earnings of each of the 638 households is P3,800, mainly derived from coconut, banana and corn farming.

With a land area of 4,636 hectares, the village can produce high-value crops, but economic and social infrastructure is inadequate. The agriculture, electricity and education were supply formed the community.

A 20-kilometer road linking Lamtulotone to Surallah town is in a deplorable state, hindering access to market centers.

With meager income, people in remote areas difficult to access. Helen Pelayo, the majority of the farmers are tied up in crop financiers.

## Vulnerable to conflict

Have faced fears fighting hostilities, Colano said the MNLF trained its attention on the lingering problem of competing land claims. Those had been swept under the rug when the war was raging.

Colano cited the conflict involving hundreds of hectares of land among the Sibet, Bonggo and Blaan communities in a country village in Surallah, which led to the burning of some 100 houses and the evacuation of families.

He stressed the need to bring the parties to a dialogue in order to find a solution. He is worried that if their relations remain volatile, the situation may escalate into bigger armed hostilities.

Colano's apprehensions validates the findings that although the war had ended, Lamtulotone remains highly vulnerable to conflict over "strategic control of resources in the resources area."

## Capacity for peace

In 2006, Lamtulotone became a Peace and Development Community (PDC) of the Action for Conflict Transformation for Peace (ACT for Peace) Program, a joint initiative of government and the United Nations to rehabilitate war-torn MNLF areas.

A PDC is designed as a convergence area for various agencies involved in empowering communities for fostering peace and progress.

To jump-start the task of providing access to social services, the program gave funds to establish a barangay health station to improve its system of potable water supply and help rehabilitate the barangay hall as a symbol of local government.

Colano also hopes to build a multipurpose hall inside Camp Montazer where adult literacy classes can be held. These classes will include a lesson of former fighters.

Colano wants to see the MNLF leaders given leverage to improve their skills in governance to keeping with the FPA spirit.

"Our struggle is for the benefit of every Muslim, Christian and lumad," he said.

In Protestant and Muslim-populated Lamtulotone, MNLF members play "support and coordinative roles," Tangan said. Many are now grey-haired but still take turns doing the rounds to keep abreast of community point.

In September, for instance, they called attention to the problem of rat infestation after patrolling some 150 hectares of palay and corn farms. Total damage to the farms was estimated at P3 million.

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Across the NATION

# Cop in murder of broadcaster in Davao Oriental now in jail

DAVAO CITY—A policeman charged with the murder of a broadcaster in Mati, Davao Oriental, was finally put behind bars.

Amiderio Camanguian, the broadcaster, was murdered on June 14, becoming one of dozens of victims of extrajudicial killings that were on from the time-year administration of ex-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo until the early days of the current Aquino administration.

Supt. Quarrelin Mandawig, spokesperson of the Southern Mindanao regional police office, confirmed on Friday that PO1 Dennis Lumbid had been transferred from the custody of his organization on Wednesday following the issuance of a commitment order for his transfer to the Davao Oriental Provincial Jail.

The order, dated Oct. 22, was signed by Judge Jocelyn Reyes of Regional Trial Court Branch 5, about two months after Lumbid was believed by Camanguian's mother.

Mandawig told reporters that the Davao Oriental police office received the commitment order on Wednesday and immediately transferred Lumbid to the provincial jail.

Journalists in the region welcomed the imprisonment of Lumbid.

Undong Salin, formerly of the Radyo Mo Broadcasters Inc., said the commitment order was a major boost to the fight for Camanguian and other victims of media killings.

"This is a big triumph but we must not stop. Journalists must continue fighting until the brains behind the killing of Camanguian are also put behind bars," Salin said.

Earlier, the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (Davao-expressed apprehension over the slow resolution of the Camanguian murder case.

"We do not want this to end up like the case against the suspected gunman of broadcaster Dennis Cuesta, who most recently following his release from preventive custody of the Phil Gamit's case had been archived as the suspect had gone at large," the NUJP said.

Cuesta is a General Santos City broadcaster slain in 2008. His alleged assailant, SPO4 Rodolfo Achuzo, remains at large.

"The prosecution of Camanguian is a litmus test of how the Aquino administration will address the clamor for justice not only for slain journalists but for other cases of political killings," the NUJP added.

Camanguian was hosting a singing contest in Barangay Old Macopa in Mintay, Davao Oriental, when shot dead.

Witnesses pointed to Lumbid as the gunman.

Former Old Macopa village chief Rosara Arevillo, who invited Camanguian to the affair, was tagged as a suspect and is still being hunted.

Prior to his death, Camanguian heavily criticized illegal logging and illegal gambling in Davao Oriental. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, Inquirer Mindanao*

## Car runs out of gas, saves trader from kidnapping

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Gunmen holding a Chinese-Filipino businessman captive were forced to abandon him when the victim's car they were using ran out of gas, police said.

William Ang Go, 53, was in his car's driver's seat, with the gunmen riding in another vehicle, some said Go's hands at gunpoint.

The kidnappers commandeered Go's car, a Toyota Corolla, and fled with the victim.

Police and soldiers gave chase and caught up with the gunmen's vehicle in a village 30 kilometers from the city.

Senior Supt. Cedric Train, city police chief, said Go's car ran out of gas.

The suspects saw authorities closing in and abandoned the car and their victim.

The man was rescued unharmed past 5 p.m., or less than four hours after he was abducted. None of the suspects had been arrested.

Train said Go's rejection of his gunning up a few times a day helped him survive the kidnapping.

Go's car, a 1997 model, "bogged down and ran out of fuel," said Train.

Mayor Darlene Antonino-Custodio said community help played a vital role in preventing the kidnapping.

In Pasonanca City, the family of the businessman who was kidnapped in Basilan said her captors were demanding P10 million ransom.

However, Rina Bernardo Herrera, sister-in-law of captive Rosabella Bernardo, said the family could not afford the demand.

"They are asking for ransom and weapons. When my ailing brother was alive, we could not even send him to a former hospital in Zamboanga. Now, these kidnappers are demanding for something we cannot afford to give," Herrera said.

The victim's husband died in Lamitan, Basilan, to have his to a lingering illness.

Bernardo, 60, was on her way home to Bernardo on June 1 when armed men flagged the public utility jeep she was riding in and took her. *Agustin Da-nie, with a report from Julie Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao*

## Vice mayor claims attack; cops say it's a gunfight

LUCENA CITY—San Francisco Vice Mayor Ernani Tan said Friday he barely survived an assassin in his life when gunmen attacked his house shortly before midnight Thursday.

The attack was recorded in a police report quoting PO2 Joel Rizo Tecson, San Francisco police investigator.

It said at past noon, Tan reported to the police station that while he was in his terrace, he was shot several times by an Elmer Arbon, a municipal employee, who shouted invectives at him prior to the shooting.

The gunman entered his mark.

"I immediately dashed for cover when I heard the first volley of gunfire," Tan, also former mayor of San Francisco for nine years, said in an interview in Lucena City.

### Two suspects

He said another person also arrived and joined Arbon in the shooting.

"I was later told by my neighbors that another shooter joined Elmer," Tan said.

He alleged that Arbon and the other shooter were bodyguards of his political rival.

"The shooters just shot at my house. There were nine to fourteen until my family is still safe. This is part of the dirty politics of my detractors," Tan said.

He identified the suspects as Bernardo Mercader, San Francisco police chief, for the officer's alleged inefficiency handling of the investigation.

"Chief Mercader suspects has been identified but he was not even arrested for routine questioning. I was the mayor of this town for nine years and now its vice mayor but I was not given the courtesy due me," the vice mayor said.

Tan said his lawyer was preparing a formal complaint against Mercader, which he would submit to the National Police Commission.

### Gunfight, not attack

Mercader belied Tan's allegations and claimed that arbon really took place was a gunfight between Arbon and one of Tan's bodyguards.

He cited the recovery of 14 shells from a .45 cal. pistol and 9 mm handgun, and fine bullet fragments in front of Tan's house.

"There was an exchange of gunfire. And I was simply doing my job as a policeman," the police official said over the phone.

Tan said the case could have been avoided if his earlier request for a police security escort was granted by the Quezon Provincial Police Office.

"I requested for police escort twice but both requests were denied. *Duffie T. Mallare Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*

**KANO S**
Crewmen of ships docked in Sta. Fe in Bantayan Island in Cebu jump into the water for fun as they spend their rest and recreation while waiting for the time to sail off again. *JOSEPH CAMALIG*

## Boracay business group makes last ditch plea vs reclamation

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
*Aquino Watch*

ILOILO CITY—In what looked like a last ditch effort, a group of business owners in Boracay has asked the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to stop the implementation of a controversial reclamation project in Barangay Caticlan, the jump-off point to Boracay island.

In a five-page letter to Environment Secretary Ramon Jesus Paje dated Nov. 2, the Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI) asked the DENR to immediately suspend the implementation of the first phase of a reclamation project in Barangay Caticlan due to environmental concerns.

BFI president Lourdelle Cuna said in the letter that BFI continues to believe that the project will harm the environment not only in Caticlan, the gateway to Boracay, but the entire island-resort.

Despite strong objections from Boracay business groups and the municipal government of Malay, which has jurisdiction over the island, the Aklan provincial government announced last week that it would immediately implement the first phase of the P1-billion project after the Philippine Reclamation Authority issued a directive to proceed with the reclamation and development activities.

# *Flood ebbs, leaves 13 dead in Kalinga, Isabela*

By Villamor Visaya Jr.
*Inquirer Northern Luzon*

TABUK, KALINGA—As flood waters started to ebb in many parts of Cagayan Valley, three more fatalities from floods and landslides in Isabela and Kalinga were reported on Saturday, raising the death toll from the five-day onset to 13, cripple from disaster response agencies and the military and police said.

Col. Lorenzo Maggawagawa, spokesperson of the Army's 5th Infantry Division, identified the fatalities reported on Saturday in Isabela as Pedro Tarun, 57, of Santo Tomas town; John John Lasbanas, 18, of Tumauini town; and Willie Magpantay of Benito Soliven town.

Maggawagawa said Garin drowned while on his way to his flooded house to retrieve his family's belongings. Lasbanas and Magpantay also drowned while retrieving driftwood.

On Friday, reports said former Lt. Gen. Lingan, 75, died when his house was buried by landslides in Barangay Bulanao in Tabuk, Kalinga, while Victor Quipang, 40, and his brother Jovie, 28, were killed by a landslide in Pe?ablanca, Cagayan.

Earlier reported killed were Lucrecio Bolay, 52, and her children Jayleen, 9, Erika, 6, and Richelle, 5 months old, who were buried by mud in Libertad village in San Mariano, Isabela.

Jimmy Balao, 37, said he was at their farm when his wife Lenaven and three children were buried by landslides in San Mariano town.

"It was very unfortunate that I was not in the house when it was buried [as soon as possible] them," Balao said.

Arnold Tambaga, 9, died from another landslide in Dupani village, also in San Mariano. His father, Bernaldo, were out of the house to take his relatives to higher grounds but when he returned, his house was buried by a landslide.

Bernaldo said he was able to save one of his sons but another landslide forced him to run away, leaving Arnold buried under rocks and mud.

Officials confirmed two drowning victims: Willie Bacsarra-tion in Benito Soliven, Isabela, and Gennie Allen in Tuguegarao City.

The rains affected 19,101 families in Tuguegarao, a report from the city's risk management office on Friday.

Myrna Guzman Jr, Tuguegarao social welfare officer, said the swelling Rio Grande was the hardest hit by floods, although improved infrastructure managed to contain some of the floods that penetrated the city.

Philippine Navy officials said the vessel BRP Cagayan City reached on Friday the hardest-hit town of Isabela that was battered by Typhoon "Juan" last month. *With reports from Ma. Estrella Ginpen-Calibo, Inquirer Northern Luzon, and Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

AT THE HEIGHT of flooding in Ilagan, Isabela, villagers are forced to ride boats to transport belongings from their flooded homes to dry areas.

Filipinos in the US are estimated at $3.7 billion this year, an increase of over 11 percent. The rate of increase is twice that of their host-based counterparts.
— FilDF secretary-general Erwenio Herrera

# GLOBAL Pinoy

Gilda Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure [illegible] their stories.

Michelle de los Reyes-vom Wege is the personified product of the Filipino diaspora that now spans multi-continents.

GLOBAL MICHELLE: Born Filipino, raised a Spaniard, married to a German and schooled in various other European languages, she still makes it a point to visit hometown Cotabato as often as she can.

# Señorita speaks in many tongues, dreams in Bicol

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

Her petite frame and dusky complexion hint at her Filipino descent. But when Michelle de los Reyes-vom Wege, a freelance journalist, hears out a few phrases, where she comes from becomes a real mystery.

The 32-year-old Spanish-German citizen is a polyglot, or one who speaks many languages. She can converse in Spanish, German, English, Italian and Filipino. She also speaks Bicolano like a true native of Camarines, Colombo alone. She has the knack of various accents, and is proud of it.

Born in Malaga, Spain, to Filipino migrant parents, Michelle is the personified product of the Filipino diaspora that now spans many continents.

Malaga, in the mountainous region of Andalusia, has strong Spanish southern Mediterranean coast and is a thriving tourism center.

Her mother, a nurse, moved there from Canada. Her father, an engineer, followed. They adjusted to the new culture but remained as a point to teach Michelle everything Filipino.

Michelle was sent to the city's College de Alhaurinos for her elementary years, and learned how to use the d and the ld (the equivalents of "the" in English) correctly to pronouns. They were also taught the basics of the English language. She learned a different version of Philippine history there (of course, Lapu-Lapu did not win, who killed the Spanish illustrated discoveries of the Philippines, Magellan, is not a hero there, she laughed).

## Traveling is a hobby

At 16, she took to traveling as a hobby. She has been to several countries in Asia, Africa and Europe, including Italy where she studied the Italian language. Italian, in her words, is "the best language in the world, memory to popular belief that it is French."

In her teens she piloted up Bicolano, her parents' native tongue. Although Spanish was used at home, Bicolano was frequently spoken by her mother, "especially when she was forcing mad about something."

"But many Bicolano [even the raw words were to the Bicol dialect," Michelle said in between laugh.

She still needs to hone her Bicolano, she said. She still prays for the right words to conversations, unlike when she talks in Spanish and the words come naturally. Spanish, after all, is her mother tongue.

Wherever Michelle has come, she visits her relatives in Bicol to keep up knowledge in touch with her Filipino roots.

## Lessons learned

During one recent trip to the Philippines, which included a visit to Catanduanes, Michelle learned a few more new strong points and weak ones in her many cultural influences.

"From the Spanish I learned to love life and live life to the fullest," said Michelle.

But her Filipino upbringing, she added, taught her to value family relations more than anything else. She said this was a trait she appreciated.

"Unlike the Germans who would usually give priority to friends, Filipinos give meaning to the saying, 'Blood is thicker than water,'" said Michelle.

The downside of Filipino relations, she commented, is the Filipinos' tendency to be strict in sending their children and their relatives to keep things to themselves rather than be straightforward.

The last trait she has definitely not acquired, she said. She described herself as one who would rather say things straight than not say anything at all to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

"I am straightforward. I tell you what disturbs me, para magkaayos tayo [so we can fix things up]," she said.

## 'Indio'

After finishing her high school education at the Institute de Machella Rio Verde, Michelle went on to get a college diploma from the prestigious Universidad Complutense in Madrid.

She landed a job in a freelance journalist in Malaga and wrote a variety of news stories in Spanish.

Michelle said she has never felt discriminated against in Spain. The term "indio" is not a word she heard in school or in her friendship circles. She was not ready to make a generalization on this matter, however. She said there could be exceptions to her observation, possibly among service workers.

In her case though, the final seven felt as if she was different from the rest of her classmates. "If your looks are okay, and you know how to handle yourself, discrimination is not a problem," she said. Most Spaniards do not even ask where you come from, as long as you can talk and express yourself, she added.

Back in her hometown in Malaga, Michelle and she has been as a freelance journalist writing about a variety of topics. It was there where she met a Bundesmann (German) citizen Wege, whom she eventually married. She has acquired both German and Spanish citizenships.

The first time she travelled to Germany she did not know how to speak German. "I was just bored to learn the language and look for a job," she said.

Her decision to move to Germany initiated another process of acculturation. Germans culture also impressed Michelle.

## 'Square-headed'

She said her straightforwardness comes from the Germans. Although Germans are considered less as family men than Spaniards and Filipinos, they are "square-headed" and organize thinkers, she said.

"The Germans are not like the Spanish, who say mañana, mañana, mañana. They try to control to everything (but they do)," she explained.

At present, the Brandenburg-based Michelle juggles two jobs. She is a consultant for Border 2 Congress, a Spanish organization based in Germany, and a freelance journalist in Spain. She takes a plane from Germany to Spain every week to attend to both her jobs.

As with so many nationalities—particularly Spanish, Filipino and German—involved in her cultural formation, what does she consider herself?

"I'm all three," she said, then paused. "I've been trying also to [how] I dream in Bicol."

# With due respect your honor, please give us something to hope for

FILIPINOS IN America celebrated the month of October as their Filipino History Month, Bicentennial from Diplomat, transferred from Capitol Hill to Washington DC have declared the month of October as commemorative of the valuable accomplishments of Filipino Americans.

The month of October, being Filipino History Month in the US, our attention was drawn to happenings in the Philippines.

An invitation was sent to me a few weeks back for a book-signing event by Marites Vitug, author of the "Shadow of Doubt" held at the San Francisco Library on Oct. 13, 2010. Her book revolts probable, if not facts-of, issues of corruption inside the Supreme Court. In the same week I attended a mandatory continuing legal education seminar which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on Oct. 12-15, 2010 where current Supreme Court decisions were also discussed.

During that same week, a resolution was rendered by the Philippine Supreme Court on the issue of plagiarism entailing slur to its integrity of its practitioners. My classmate, now Dean of the UP College of Law Merlin Gonzales, and other UP professors brought me to public the plagiarism that was committed by a sitting Supreme Court Justice in a court decision. For doing so, an Order to Show Cause was issued against them for "contempt" and the other professors, why they do not merit contempt for causing harm to the integrity of the court.

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Lourdes Santos Tancinco

## 'Great' lawyers

As an alumnus of the UP College of Law, we recall the many years we have already spent in school. We title "attorney." In the (arguably) best law school in the country we learned not just the law but also the values of a good advocate. We look up to the justices as the final arbiter of disputes who inspire us to be the best lawyers—but not lawyers. We had justices, and even a current sitting justice, as our professors during law school who commanded respect from us. As we graduated from law school, we put in basic Justice Holmes' words written on the walls of Modern Hall that the business of a law school is not simply to teach law but to teach it in a "grand manner and to make great lawyers." As we graduated from law school and passed the bar we wanted not just to be lawyers but also to be "great" lawyers.

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## We remain vested

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## Hard to believe

The notion of alleged corruption to our highest court in the Hong Kong book are those too hard to believe. Unlike the case of a law level clerk in the lower courts who produced fraudulent documents, the alleged corruption in the highest court of the land is very dishonorable. I do give the justices benefit of doubt.

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COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT

# Hospital equipment worth millions lying idle

By Leila B. Salaverria

EVEN AS the administration scrambles to provide health care to millions of Filipinos, over P123 million worth of government hospital equipment, buildings and facilities were either misused, defective or left unfinished for various reasons last year, the Commission on Audit (COA) has discovered.

In its latest report on the Department of Health, the COA found that P122.837 million worth of facilities and equipment in eight hospitals in Metro Manila and regional 2, 3, 12 and 13 had not benefited patients in 2009.

The audit agency said the non-use of the assets led to "foregone revenues and wastage of government funds" and deprived the hospitals of additional resources to the delivery of health care services.

This took place despite the COA's earlier recommendation to fully re-use them, it added.

The hospitals cited in the COA report were: Ninoy Aquino Memorial Medical Center, Tondo Medical Center, Research Institute of Tropical Medicine, Southern Isabela General Hospital, Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center and its Talavera Extension, Cotabato Regional and Medical Center, and Adela Serra Ty Memorial Medical Center.

Among the problems the COA uncovered were the non-use of the laparoscopic machine at the Tondo Medical Center and the medical and laboratory equipment at the Southern Isabela hospital due to lack of trained personnel to handle them, the non-use of the inflow warmers at the Adela Serra Ty hospital due to the lack of a suitable facility for the equipment, and the suspension of the construction of the Ninoy Aquino hospital's outpatient building due to lack of funding for the fire sprinkler system.

The COA told the hospitals to look for funds to complete the construction works they had begun or to transfer their unused equipment to other district hospitals that could benefit from them. They should also distribute the purchase of drugs necessary to make their equipment operational, COA added.

Government auditors also reminded hospitals to coordinate closely with the DOH regarding their specific needs and to make sure they have trained personnel to operate any purchased gadgets. They should have a preventive maintenance program for their equipment, the agency added.

## P-Noy confers Dolphy with honor award

DOLPHY

PRESIDENT Aquino is conferring the highest rank under the country's Order of the Golden Heart on actor-comedian Dolphy (real name, Rodolfo Q. Quizon), Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte said on Saturday.

Mr. Aquino will formally give the Grand Collar of the Order of the Golden Heart on the 81-year-old comic in simple ceremonies on Monday in Malacañang.

The honor is in recognition of the actor's contributions to the country's entertainment industry as its King of Comedy and of his charitable works such as providing scholarships to deserving children of migrant workers.

"The conferment is a recognition of the life's achievement of Mr. Quizon both in cinema of his show business career, where his comedy has brought joy to millions, but just as importantly his well-known philanthropy and encouragement of the charities and good causes," Valte said over state radio station dzRB.

"This includes the Dolphy Aid para sa Pinoy Foundation that gives scholarships to children of overseas Filipino workers," she added.

The Order of the Golden Heart gives official recognition to Filipinos or foreigners that "have rendered distinguished services or given noteworthy measures or other material aid, encouragement to the campaign for the amelioration and improvement of the moral, social, and economic conditions of the Filipino masses, and for volunteerism in the service of the Filipino masses."

Valte said the first recipient of the Grand Collar or Marigul na Bituin was US author and activist Helen Keller who was given the award on May 23, 1953.

"Throughout his professional career, Mr. Quizon has brought entertainment to millions. Gone while upholding high standards in his profession," read the official announcement of the conferment.

"He has also characterized his other means, even political adversaries, with good natured decency and respect for all. It is only appropriate then, that the government recognizes the outstanding personal and professional life of Mr. Quizon," it added.

Malacañang said Dolphy stirred the morale of the Filipino people "over generations" and used his fame and influence "to assist and aid his fellow citizens."

Dolphy interestingly supported Sen. Manuel Villar of the Nacionalista Party in the last presidential elections. *Norman Bordadora*

## There's enough fund, relief for Cagayan

MALACAÑANG yesterday indicated that there are enough standby funds and relief goods for the people of Cagayan that are now suffering from flash floods after days of almost continuous rain in the area.

"There are now P12.9 million worth of standby funds as well as 05.86 million for food and non-food items that have already been pre-positioned there in the concerned field offices in Cagayan Valley and the Central Luzon region," Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte announced over state-run radio dzRB.

She added that the disaster and risk reduction management councils concerned are already in the area to see what needs to be done to minimize the effects of the floods.

"Our people are on the ground and they are already rendering assistance there to those in need because of the recent flash floods," Valte added. *Norman Bordadora*

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POWER TO THE CHILDREN

# Room to spare for kids at Bahay Tuluyan

By Margaux C. Ortiz, contributor

FOR MOST children, being aware of their rights is as alien to them as knowing how to be responsible.

Often ill equipped with strategies they need to go about in life, and dependent on adults for love and care, wide-eyed innocence sometimes leads to abuse from others or self-destruction.

Recognizing the importance of children's rights, a non-governmental organization committed to support Filipino children in need of special protection, like street kids, will hold a "Children's Rights Run/Walk" on Nov. 20.

The festival, spearheaded by the children's facility Bahay Tuluyan, coincides with the 21st year of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was launched in 1989 after world leaders realized that children are persons under 18 years old—need special care and protection.

### Public event

Sarah Incin, the facility's executive social worker, said the festival is the organization's main public event this year.

"It raises awareness of Bahay Tuluyan stands for," Incin told Inquirer, adding that the organization's mission is "to work towards a society where every child's rights are respected, protected and fulfilled."

In the late 1980s, the colorful district of Malate in Manila was a haven for tourists and home to a growing number of street children.

It was an ideal spot for a church like Bahay Tuluyan. Founded in 1987 by Fr. John Gallagher, an Irish Columban priest at the Malate Catholic Church, it was initially conceived as a drop-in center for street children who were given food, baths and shelter.

The center's first executive director, Nicanor Arriola, found an ingenious way of gaining the street kids' trust by standing on a street corner and playing the "Name That Tune" game on his flute with kids who gathered around him.

### Child-to-child approach

Bahay Tuluyan founders discovered that many street children, who had been out of school for long periods of time, did not respond well to conventional or highly-structured methods of teaching.

Arriola instead tried the "child-to-child" approach," which Bahay Tuluyan still uses in its alternative education program. Training children to teach other children later proved to be an appropriate and effective educational tool.

"This method is very effective in reaching marginalized children, or those who were abused, neglected and abandoned," Incin explained. Many of them did not know their most basic rights, like the right to eat, play and be protected from abuse, she said.

"These kids also think their parents have the right to hurt them, physically and emotionally. In their world, abusive parents and families are the norm," the social worker added.

Bahay Tuluyan has three centers that serve as crisis and residential centers for boys and girls. One is located in Malate, another in Novaliches in Laguna province and a third in Quezon province.

Rachel Severio, a former street child, is a testament to the special role Bahay Tuluyan

ACCESS A 23

CHILDREN who need special care and protection find their way to any of three centers put up by Bahay Tuluyan. JOAN ROSETE

# Room to spare for kids at Bahay Tuluyan

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place in the community.

"I was an orphan when I entered Bahay Tuluyan more than a decade ago," recalled Steven, 20, now a 22-year-old junior staff member at the organization's main office in Makati.

**Thinking first: Bahay Tuluyan...**

Thinking first Bahay Tuluyan, then located in Sta. Mesa, was an orphanage. Stevens decided to live there since she had nowhere else to go.

The place opened doors of opportunities for her, for one, she was able to finish her elementary and high school education while actively participating in the organization's activities.

**Research study**

One of the activities Stevens enjoyed was doing research work to promote children's rights in a bigger community.

Under this program, the children themselves conduct research on various social issues affecting children through data gathering and interviews.

A memorable research study by Bahay Tuluyan children of the center focused on six young people from Makati who involved in child prostitution, drug dependency or who behaved badly publicans and the exploitation of minors.

**Challenges**

Another study highlighted the challenges posed by the status of street children in parts of Metro Manila. The report, entitled "Isagip sa Halo't Sirena: a) Street Children in Caloocan, Manila, Pasay and Quezon City," showed that street operations are "frequently carried out indiscriminately and for reasons other than child protection."

Bahay Tuluyan does not only welcome children to live under its roof. It also goes to the streets to reach out to the kids.

Through its Bus Ministries (DM), children's program (as that DM), the facility delivers its services to street kids using a relocated, specially equipped van. The DM STOP Ministries' 40-feet mother, two facilitators, a nurse, staff, and a driver—visit street children in different parts of Manila, providing alternative education, feeding and case management services.

Sabbo said the outdoor sessions begin with an icebreaker—usually by singing a happy song—to ease the tensions and gain the kids' trust and confidence. The team then starts reaching a range of subjects from hygiene to dealing with the police officers they encounter every day in the streets.

"Many of the kids run away at the sight of a police officer. We teach them the right way to get along with our law enforcers," she said.

Some modules focus on personal circumstances, such as how to take care of their hair to avoid lice, a common problem among street children.

The social worker says the team also gives emergency assistance to abused kids by making up their cases and referring them to shelters.

**New building**

"We are now looking forward to the completion of our new Bahay Tuluyan building on Governor Forbes in Malate that will serve as a clinic, drop in, and learning center," Sabbo said. The building is expected to benefit at least 10,000 children over the next 10 years, with a pass on benefit to another 50,000 children, families and their communities.

As a crisis center, the building will be an open policy one-stop shop housing facility for children, who have been victims of physical abuse, exploitation or were abandoned or neglected. It will serve as a home to 10 boys and 20 girls at any given time, for six months, while the social workers help them find a better and long-term solution.

The building is also envisioned to become a drop in center for those living or working on the streets and a training center, where they can learn new skills to make the center more sustainable.

In the meantime, Bahay Tuluyan is busy preparing for its third Children's Rights Festival, to be held at the Quezon Convention Center in Quezon Park.

**Children's fest**

Gail Rogan, an Australian volunteer for Bahay Tuluyan, said 2,500 children gathered on the streets or orphaned at the week-end, in comfort of the law on their lives abused, can learn about their rights.

Bahay Tuluyan executive director Lily Flordeliz emphasized that the Festival will not only be a media-driven outreach but will instead focus on games and activities to ensure that the learning experience will be "serious and fun."

**Medical, dental mission**

There will also be a puppet show, a children's concert and arts and crafts activities. A medical and dental mission will highlight the children's right to good health.

Bahay Tuluyan, however, still needs donations and more volunteers for the event.

"This is a chance for people out there to help these children realize that they have rights that should be respected, preserved and fulfilled," Bahay Tuluyan officials said.

Interested donors and volunteers may call Bahay Tuluyan at 9310109 or e-mail bayan@bahaytuluyan.org for more information.

**RAMAT Tuluyan volunteer Gail Rogan and staff member interact with Makati street children in cheering up the session**

TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY

# Brave new world opens up for Raissa

By Jeannette I. Andrade

TWO THINGS saved 20-year-old Ian Sebastian Lee shaded Raissa Lacuna from serious death. Faith and a small compact mirror.

Raissa lost both her legs after an explosion rocked the traditional "salubong" flor operation (rite) for her examinees at the De La Salle University-campus on Sept. 28.

But a seemingly small but has works after the tragedy revealed a lively young lady with an infectious smile whose faith has kept her grounded and whose strength has inspired other victims of the violent incident in Kagan on.

In an interview at her San Juan City home more than a month after the treacherous grenade attack, Raissa showed Inquirer a small compact mirror that had shielded her from a large piece of shrapnel that could have hit her right organ and ended her life.

The compact mirror, melted inside her shoulder bag, had been pierced by shrapnel that had deemed to other side, and had apparently stopped the shrapnel short of its target. "I was holding my bag in front of me when the bomb exploded and it seemed to be shrunk," she said.

**Mirror as protection**

Raissa was clutching the bag and was beside her friend, Jessica Jacobe, when a grenade landed near them and exploded. Two days after the incident, at the intensive care unit of the Philippine General Hospital where Raissa was rushed, her mother Reggie noticed a two-inch hole on the broken bag. She found the compact inside the make-up kit and realized that it had shielded her.

"It was God's way of protecting my daughter," Reggie said. "Imagine that, a small object saved my daughter's life."

Apart from losing both legs, Raissa sustained shrapnel wounds on her left hand and her mother right forearm. When doctors told Reggie that both of Raissa's legs had to be amputated, she rushed out of the hospital room. "I just prayed. I was shocked at the news," she said.

She knew Raissa would be ok if only she lost her dangling feet. It took right after her legs were amputated and said: "Ma, I have no legs," without even a hint of self-pity. "She just accepted what happened. She's a very strong girl," Reggie proudly said.

Asked what has kept her spirits up, Raissa said simply: "Faith."

"It can be frustrating since I cannot move as much as I want to, but everything happens for a purpose. I know that God would not give me a problem I cannot handle. He probably chose me because Raissa is strong personality," she said.

Some of her friends who visited her at the hospital cried over her plight, saying she did not deserve what happened to her. "I just told them that I should be thankful to God that I'm alive," she added.

Raissa said she was supposed to leave for a church concert at the Philamlife Theater scheduled that day at 9 p.m. but she decided to wait for her friends from the League of Lady Bartenders who were coming from La Salle after taking the exams.

Since the incident, Raissa and the other victims of the blast have been in constant touch. "We talk, we text. We are all helping each other. We are shocked we're still alive," she said.

"It's the anger at the grenade thrower?

"He did it for some reason and he should face responsibility for that. I don't know him. I'm quite sure any of her wounded friends don't know him either. I just want him to face trial, it's an evil thing he did."

She expressed confidence over the investigation being conducted by government agencies, particularly the National Bureau of Investigation, but said that her brothers or friends of the perpetrator(s) should not be punishing the suspects.

"I may look fine but there are so many others who are not. There are kids who were just out there to celebrate. If they (perpetrator) are torture-ish knew the extent of my injuries and what I went through, I don't know if they would still feel the same. What if the same thing happened to their children? They may not be too passionate then," she said.

Asked why most of the victims seemed reluctant to cooperate in the investigation of the Manila Police District, Raissa said may be it could be because some of the police officers in the Metro are tied up with anything to help bring victims of the blast to

**LAUREL (left) with sister Reggie at home in San Juan. Profiles in courage.**

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# Indonesia volcano burns whole villages; 122 dead

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia—A surge of searing gas raced down the sides of Mount Merapi on Friday, annihilating entire villages as it killed at least 122 people and forced thousands more to flee, authorities said. The death toll after the volcano's largest eruption in a century soared to 122.

The worst hit village of Bronggang lay 15 kilometers from the fiery crater, just on the perimeter of the government-delineated "danger zone." Unscripted roofs, charred carcasses of cattle and broken chairs—all layered in white ash and soot—dotted the smoldering landscape.

The zone has since been expanded to a ring 20 kilometers from the peak, bringing it to the edge of the populous royal compound of Yogyakarta, which has been put on its highest alert.

Ali Ikachsinkmat and his family had stayed in their Bronggang home Thursday night because they hadn't been told to leave.

They awoke in the dark as the volcano's pyroclastic surge roared and tried desperately to outrun the flows, which reached speeds of 60 mph (100 kph), on a motorbike, like mother, father and 12-year-old sister, Petua, left first, but the girl got left behind on the gray ash landscape. "We saw nothing but fire, then mistakenly drove into—rather than away from—the volcano's dangerous discharge.

The 38-year-old Ali soon looking for them when the found her mother's screams, lowing at home an older sister, who died before the house became engulfed in flames.

"It was a safe place. There were no signs to evacuate," said Ali, a peasant gave lived on Petuo, whose neck and face are burned a shiny shang his features acutely melted away.

There is pain in still echoing. Their father, whose feet and ankles are burned, is being treated in another ward.

"I don't know what to say," she whispers when asked if she blames officials for not warning the family. "Angry at who? I'm just sad. I'm very sad."

Merapi's latest round of eruptions began Oct. 26, followed by more than a dozen other powerful blasts and thousands of tremors.

With each new eruption, evacuees and officials have search-by pushed the villagers who live along Merapi's fertile slopes further from the crater. But after initially predicting earlier eruptions would ease pressure under the magma dome, experts who have spent weeks studying the volcano now say the don't know what to expect.

Scientists can study the patterns of volcanoes, but their eruptions are essentially unpredictable, as Merapi's burrowing by intense blasts have proved.

"On Friday, the seismometers of ash caused their instrumentals of cm-400 kilometers away, although a rate near the mountain in the afternoon caused much of it to sludge. Sheets of hot clouds occasionally by interrupted aid efforts, with rescuers screaming, "Watch out! Hot cloud!"

The eruption released 50 million cubic meters of volcanic material, making it "the biggest in at least a century," said state volcanologist Surono, who is chairman of a team continued to shoot up more than 10,000 meters.

Soldiers pulled at least 78 bodies from homes and streets blanketed by ash up to 20 centimeters deep on Friday raising the overall toll to 122, according to the National Disaster Management Agency.

With bodies found in front of houses and in streets, in apparent last stamp of the villages died from the blistering gas while trying to escape, said Col. Tigarsius, a deputy police chief.

"The force surrounded us and there was white smoke everywhere," said Nini Rahayu, 67, who was thrown from his motorbike along with his 13-year-old son while trying to flee.

"There was an explosion ... and it got worse, the ash and debris coming down," he said from a hospital. AP

## *Hundreds raped on Congo-Angola border*

SARUMBE, Kenya—More than 500 women and girls were recently raped along the Congo-Angola border, during a massive explosion of illegal immigrants, according to the United Nations.

Many of the victims said they were locked in dungeon-like conditions for several weeks while they were raped repeatedly by security forces. At least seven died from severe internal injuries, UN officials said.

Macedonio Gbalitaro, a UN spokesperson in the Democratic Republic of Congo, said on Friday that it was unclear on which side of the Congo-Angola border the women had been attacked, and that the United Nations was calling on both countries to promptly investigate.

"What worries us is that rape seems to be becoming endemic to several parts of Congo," Gbalitaro said, also referring to recent rapes in the eastern Kivu provinces. "We fear it's becoming part of the culture."

For the past decade, Congo has been torn apart by dozens of rebel groups that have often swept into villages and terrorized residents. UN officials call Congo the worst place in the world for sexual violence, and even the longstanding presence of international peacekeepers has not been able to stop it. A less months ago, more than 200 women were raped in a single disputed rural village in eastern Congo while UN peacekeepers were less than 15 miles away. AFP/VG

# Rescue workers remove bodies from Cuba plane

HAVANA, Cuba—Rescue workers on Friday pulled bodies from the charred wreckage of a state-run airliner that went down in rugged central Cuba, as desperate relatives gathered at the capital's airport and called for state authorities seeking information on their loved ones.

All 68 people aboard AeroCaribbean Flight 883 were killed when the turboprop plane went down Thursday afternoon in a remote area near the village of Havanacal in Sancti Spíritus province.

Twenty-eight foreigners were among the dead, including nine Argentines, seven Mexicans, and citizens of Germany, Holland, Spain and Italy. One Japanese businessman and Australia's government said in a statement that Cuban officials had confirmed that two Australian were on the plane. It was Cuba's worst air disaster in more than 20 years.

The plane, carrying 61 passengers and an all-Cuban crew of seven, was en route to the capital from the main eastern city of Santiago de Cuba when it reported an emergency at 3:42 p.m. and later crashed in flames.

Bodies of the victims were being brought to the medical examiner's office in Havana for identification, and a commission was formed to determine the cause of the crash. AP

## WORLDBRIEFS

### Polish priest raising world's largest Jesus statue

SWIDNICA, Poland—A Polish priest is on the verge of realizing his dream of erecting what he says will be the world's largest statue of Jesus Christ in a small town in western Poland. Attempts were made on Friday to complete the statue—which will rise a couple yards higher than the iconic Christ the Redeemer monument in Rio de Janeiro. But heavy winds prevented crane from lifting the statue's arms and head up to the lower half of the robed white figure. Workers plan to try again just after sunrise on Saturday. Polish media say the project cost 4 million zlotys ($1.45 million). Donations came from across the country—from business people to poor people wanting to make a contribution to the church. Work on the statue began in 2008. The Jesus statue, once erected, will rise a total of 171 meters, including a mound it sits on and a pedestal leg it crawls on the head, according to organizers. By comparison, the statue in Rio de Janeiro, which the Polish version resembles closely in design, is 38 meters tall. AP

### Drug gang chief reported killed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY—The Mexican authorities said Friday that a leader of the Gulf drug gang had been killed in Matamoros during a day marked by street fighting between soldiers and gunmen that paralyzed the city, which lies across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas. The gang leader, Antonio Ezequiel Cardenas Guillen, who had an alias of Tony Tormenta, was in control of the cartel after his brother Osiel Cardenas Guillen was arrested in 2003, was killed by Mexican marines, according to a statement by Alejandro Poiré, the security spokesman for the government. Three other gang members were also killed, the statement said, and the Mexican navy reported that two marines and a soldier died during the six-hour gun battle. BYTWO

### Pope heads to Spain to press church agenda

VATICAN CITY—Pope Benedict XVI begins a pilgrimage to Spain on Saturday to visit two of Christianity's most spectacular sites, fulfilling a long-held personal wish while pressing his faithful to revive the faith in a once-staunchly Catholic country that is now among Europe's most secular. Benedict arrives first in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and then wraps it up on the other side of the country in Barcelona.


## The ultimate destination for bargain hunters revealed

Greenhaven to set bargain hunters' eyes Here are Antonio Cantos, Inc., announces the opening of the Farmers Plaza Bazaar located at the 6th level of Farmers Plaza on November 5, 2010. The occasion forms part of the Farmers Plaza redevelopment program.

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# Second Qantas jet in engine scare

SINGAPORE—A second Qantas jet roared back to Singapore with engine trouble and made an emergency landing on its Friday a day after one of its A380 superjumbos was forced back to the same airport when an engine failed.

The Sydney-bound Boeing 747-400 jumbo carrying 412 passengers and 29 crew reported engine trouble seven after a takeoff at 11:40 a.m. and was forced to return to Changi Airport, said a spokesperson for the Australian flag carrier.

Passengers ripped-out bearing an explosion and seeing flames on the wing of the engines outboard after takeoff.

"It was pretty scary," said flavedesk tourist Lisa Ogden, 28.

"No engine on the wing exploded. It looked like fireworks, a pretty big one," she told reporters at the airport.

"The plane jumped a bit and the cabin crew were yelling 'brace' and they told everyone to sit down.

"Some were screaming, one or two got up to fire like forever," she added. AFP


UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN

## INVITATION TO BID

**Proposed Renovation Works – Math Building 1**

National Science Complex

University of the Philippines Diliman

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# 70 killed in attacks on Pakistan mosques

PESHAWAR, Pakistan—A suicide bomber killed 67 people on Friday at a mosque frequented by tribal elders opposed to the Pakistani Taliban. Hours later, three people died in a grenade attack on another mosque associated with anti-Taliban militia.

The strikes in northwest Pakistan were a reminder of the potency of the Taliban and their al-Qaida allies along the Afghan border despite US-backed army offensives. The Obama administration believes success against insurgents there is key to its hopes of winning the war in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani army has suppressed the resurgence of militias to fight the Taliban, who are unpopular in many parts of the northwest. The groups favor the regime and its infiltrators and are seen as useful in preventing elected areas or stopping militants from moving into their districts.

The insurgents regularly target these groups with suicide attacks and warn residents not to join up with them. On two occasions this year suicide attackers have killed about 100 people attending militia events, while dozens of others have been killed in smaller strikes.

Friday's first attack happened at midday in the town of Darra Adam Khel, a militant stronghold which lies on the edge of Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal region.

The bomber, who authorities said appeared to be a teenager, ran into the mosque where several hundred worshippers were gathered for midday prayers on the holiest day of the week. He detonated explosives around his waist.

Survivors handled the victims into cars and rushed them to hospitals in Peshawar, the main city in the northwest and its provincial capital.

At one hospital, a woman beat her head in grief while two elderly men in blood-soaked clothes lay in a corridor.

"The blast tossed me up, then I fell down," Mohammad Usman, a 72-year-old schoolmaster with wounds to his head and arms said from his hospital bed. "Later, it was just like a graveyard."

Local government official Shahid Ullah said volunteers running an anti-Taliban militia often met at the mosque, but they were not there on this day. Arslan Friday Aurakzai official, Jawad Khan, said 67 were killed and 160 others were wounded.

It was the deadliest suicide bombing since a pair of attacks on Aug. 1 killed 102 people and wounded 160 in the Mohmand tribal region in July. That time targeted tribal elders meeting the Taliban who were meeting a government official. AP

## *Spy agencies infiltrate Qaida*

By Paloma Oreste

LONDON—Months after he was released from Guantanamo Bay, Abdul Rahman was back in the company of terrorist leaders along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. But he was a double agent, providing Taliban and al-Qaida secrets to Pakistani intelligence officials, who then shared the tips with Western counterparts.

The ruse cost him his life, according to a former Pakistani military intelligence official, Mahmood Shah. The Taliban began to suspect him, and after multiple interrogations executed him.

The case of Rahman, which Shah recounted to The Associated Press, fits in line with a key aspect of the fight against terror... Western intelligence agencies, with help from Islamic allies, are placing moles and informants inside al-Qaida and the Taliban. The program seems to be bearing fruit, even as many infiltrators like Rahman are discovered and killed.

### Explosives from Yemen

It was a tip from an al-Qaeda militant-turned-informant that led international authorities to find explosives hidden in printer cartridges from Yemen to the United States a week ago, Western security officials say. Officials say the explosives could have caused a blast as deadly as the 1988 Lockerbie bombing in Scotland that killed 270 people.

Intelligence agencies such as MI6 and the CIA have hired many agents from diverse backgrounds since the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and others that followed. Many say the tactics have worked. Several plots, also including the 2006 trans-Atlantic airline plot, were thwarted because intelligence agents were able to use tips to track the would-be terrorists.

In recent years, US, European and Pakistani intelligence officials have said al-Qaida has been weakened by CIA drone strikes along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border and by governments planting agents within terror cells. Top leaders have been taken out of the picture or trust has been eroded enough that militants have begun to turn on one another.

In an unprecedented public speech last week, MI6 chief John Sawers revealed for the first time that the British spy agency had managed to "get inside" severe organizations. He would not elaborate.

"Layers of al-Qaida's security have been slowly worn down and it's much easier today to infiltrate these groups," says Seraj Hassanyar, a former jihadist with links to al-Qaida in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Britain, and now a security and terrorism analyst in London.

### Saudi secret agents

Saudi Arabia has had some of the most success with spies in the Arabian Peninsula, some of whom have been former Guantanamo detainees. Benjamin Ali Said Mohammed, a former Guantanamo inmate who has joined al-Qaida in Yemen, was killed in a Saudi airstrike on his hometown in September. Yemeni security officials say he was their best source on the group, planned by Saudi Arabia. But European government officials say that while the Saudi may have provided Israel information on the plot, it appears Saudi Arabia had additional sources. AP

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# Bolts shock Aces

## Defense keys Meralco's road victory

MERALCO WAS rewarded for not giving up when all seemed lost.

The Bolts inflicted more misery on Alaska and stunned their own rival with a come-from-behind 83-77 victory over the Aces last night in a PBA Philippine Cup road game presented by Phoenix Fuel at the Victorias City Sports and Amusements Center.

After watching their rally against San Miguel Beer fall short Wednesday night, the Bolts made sure that they completed this one by throwing a defensive blanket on the Aces, who seemed poise to snap their losing streak when they took a 17-point lead midway in the third period.

Meralco held Alaska scoreless for a five-minute stretch in the fourth period, while Chris Ross, Chris Banchero, Reno Bolejo and Ali Stephens hit baskets in a 13-0 run that gave the Bolts a 77-67 lead heading into the final three minutes.

Ross finished with 14 points, six rebounds and four assists for the Bolts, who moved out of the cellar by improving to 3-5 despite missing injured leading scorer Mac Tiongson for the second straight game.

Banchero, acquired from Barako Bull in exchange for Dennis Daa and a future second-round pick last Wednesday, had 11 points, including five in the Bolts' fightback in the third period.

Tautuaa had 12 points, his last basket with 3.3 seconds remaining completing the 20-point turnaround for the Bolts in the last 18 minutes.

Meanwhile, San Miguel Beer looks to solidify its hold of top spot as it clashes with Rain or Shine today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Commissioner is at 4 p.m. with the Beermen seeking to extend their winning streak to six and keep coach Leo Austria unbeaten since taking over two games into the assignment.

The 7-1 Star tries to regain its winning form against Barako Bull in the main game at 6:30 p.m. The Tropang Texters blew a chance to catch up with the Beermen on top after losing to an inspired Derby Ace squad, 104-97, Friday night.

But they are favored to roll past a Barako Bull squad which has struggled to find a groove this season. Gerard P. Tapao

**Meralco (83)**—Ross 14, Ighina 14, Tautuaa 12, Slaughter 10, Hodge 8, Banchero 11, Bolejo 6, Almazan 4, Asoro 0, Reyes 0, Ayaay 0, Ilagan 0.

**Alaska (77)**—Exciminiano 17, Perez 12, Baguio 10, Stanley 9, Ebona 8, Jones 6, Regalado 4, Custodio 4, Mallillin 2, Jazul 0, Jarin 0.

**Quarters:** 19-15, 37-35, 61-62, 83-77

# Viloria stops Thai, eyes world crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BRIAN VILORIA knocked his bid for yet another world title with a seventh-round technical knockout victory over Lienpetch Jor Yeoungyuthawat of Thailand that triggered a string of stoppages by Filipino fighters Friday night in the Boxing at the Bay 9 at the Vmall Sports Arena in Pasay City.

Viloria, two-time world light flyweight champion, finished off Jeoungyuthawat with a torrid combination to the body two minutes and nine seconds into the seventh round of their 10-round scheduled flyweight bout serving as main event in the card dubbed as Friday night fest.

Looking comfortable in a lopsided fight, Viloria earlier sent Jeoungyuthawat to the canvas with a flurry of punches to the body midway in the fifth round.

With the victory Viloria became the mandatory contender to the WBO flyweight crown held by Juho Gani Mamanda of Mindoro.

"I felt great," the 22-year-old Viloria said. "My conditioning were there, all the preparations we had paid off. Sure I need a little bit more (training) to win a world championship again. But I will fight anybody and I'm ready for the world championship."

Viloria improved his record to 28 wins, 16 by KO, and three losses.

Dexter Cuello and Rodel Mayol also pulled off abbreviated victories in the top supporting bouts.

Cuello dropped Bangkhat Hatjanako 2:30 into the first round after sending the Thai down for the third time.

Mayol, the former MBC light flyweight titlist, dispatched a listless Poonpetch Yuno Gym of Thailand, ending the fight with a flurry in the seventh round.

Earlier, IBF Inter Pacific Lightweight champion Al Saludagan of Batangas survived a daughter with Israel Donald Matanino City before hacking out a unanimous decision in their lightweight bout.

BRIAN Viloria (left) avoids Lienpetch Jor Yeoungyuthawat of their bout Friday night.

# Tireless Pacman still awes trainer

By Ray Ludwig

HOLLYWOOD—Manny Pacquiao has been a part of Mayweather Promotion's training team for a decade now. He'd seen Pacquiao's gym-rolling training sessions and his unbeaten public stamina.

Yet, Pacquiao never ceases to amaze him.

"He doesn't get tired," said Mayweather after the pound-for-pound King's named his most dangerous boxers without dropping a loss Friday.

"He's always eager to do more, and sometimes we have to restrain him," said Floyd, who originally trained Pacquiao's younger brother Bobby at the defunct LM Gym in Manila before breaking up with Manny in 2000.

Pacquiao spent the month 20 rounds with the mitts, before punching bags, double-ending and skipping ropes at the Wild Card Gym.

Next, extra doubles as Pacquiao's favorite work, all before the trainer's attention to his protégé for healthy food and lessons staying power.

"Right now, he can floor three a day and drink protein shake in the afternoon," said Jarrett. "For breakfast he usually has scrambled eggs. I serve him smoking mackerel or tahgang kalas alternately with vegetables and fried fish on the side for lunch or dinner."

"When doesn't squirming I add arugulapo (Jarrett's pet name for Pacquiao)."

According to Nitet, Pacquiao starts his day here by running up the hills and then doing more than a thousand sit-ups. After lunch he takes a nap before resuming training at Wild Card, where he repeats the sit-up routine.

In between, he does guest appearances and dabbles in acting.

Pacquiao will spar for five rounds tomorrow as he supervised his preparations for his Nov. 13 showdown with Antonio Margarito in Arlington, Texas.

ARIZA

# Pacquiao right on target, says Ariza

HOLLYWOOD—Alex Ariza can already sense Jr. Manny Pacquiao is ready to do battle with Antonio Margarito for the World Boxing Council light middleweight crown on Nov. 13 at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"He (Pacquiao) is definitely in top shape," said the strength and conditioning coach, who joined Team Pacquiao early in 2008. "He looks good, his quickness is there."

Ariza, a Colombian, also shrugged off concerns about Margarito's edge in height (6 1/2 inches) and reach (8 inches).

"I've heard a lot of concerns about his (Margarito's) size, but I think, you know sometimes one complements the other."

With barely eight days to go before the fight, Ariza wants to make sure that Pacquiao stays in peak form, one only through training but also through proper nutrition.

"We increased the fat intake and lower the protein," said Ariza. "We also increased the carbohydrates. It's about making the adjustments needed to fuel him for the fight. Game day night."

Pacquiao is a stress in to make the weight for the bout, ripping the scales at 150 pounds Friday with his children and sisters on. Ray Luarca

# Pagunsan cruises to 11-stroke Bali Open triumph

BALI, INDONESIA—Filipino Juvic Pagunsan strolled to a commanding 11-stroke victory at the inaugural $500,000 Bali Open after a final round one-under 69 Saturday.

Leading by three overnight, the former swinging Pagunsan bolted seven birdies at the New Kuta Golf Resort and never gave closest challenger Justin Sandelin of Sweden a sniff at the title.

Runner Spyder Cup star handsfan, playing on a sponsor's invite, finished a distant second after a closing 74 while Japan's Masaki Sakuma and Shuntiz Jennings of Switzerland shared third place.

In other news in the final event of the inaugural Asian Development Tour season, Malaysia's Akhmad Tantoso clung on to third place on the Order of Merit to join countryman and top-ranked S. Siva Chandhran and Chinese Taipei's Hsu Chan-jen, who finished second on the rankings, on the Asian Tour next season.

Chasen challengers TJ Kim of Korea, Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee and Indonesian Rizal Firi failed to put pressure on Pagunsan, who had entered Bali with a one-shot lead over Sandelin.

But the star of the show was Pagunsan, who is a winner on the Asian Tour. He right-eared his grip on the Bali Open with an even-par 70 and cruised home with further birdies on the 14th, 15th and 16th holes and totaled 15 under par 273 for the week.

"I played well, everything worked for me this week," said Pagunsan, who earned $100,000. "After the front nine, I was in total control. This win will be a good confidence booster as we've got the Barclays Singapore Open and UBS Hong Kong Open coming up."

Asian Development Tour Order

PAGUNSAN

# Jeson ousts hometown hope

ISUCENO (8) four hometown crowd, second seed Jeson Jerusalem went down 11th seed Korean Jae Hwan Kim, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), Friday to crash into the semifinals of the Senayan Asian Oceania Closed junior tennis championships in Jaya do, South Korea.

Jerusalem methodically carved the victory which his second Misamy Tennis said not only put him to the semifinals of the Grade 12 event for the first time but also radiated up the confidence as well.

"Jeson has learned so much from his past mistakes and now he is ready both mentally and physically to take on anyone," said Tenorio.

# Basti bags karting plum

A YEAR of training under the Team Racing Advanced (TRA) Racing Career Management Program produced big results for Basti Escalante, who recently bagged the overall Mini JSCR crown recently in the 2015 Magnolia Premiere Karting Super Series at the Carmona Racetrack.

Escalante banked on the lessons he learned from the Team's program to quell the challenge of his rivals in the 15-lap final race and capture his first racing career crown with a total of 418.3 points.

"Team's championship feat is also a big success for the TRA Racing Career Management Program and our thrust for Filipino drivers in the pursuit of pursuing a world-class championship," said Mike Romero, the team's chief technical for technical and operations.

ESCALANTE

## SPORTSWATCH

RACING FIVE

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At San Lazaro LP

Race 1—(Exhibition)—Maiden, Time: (4), Shining Gold (3), Rockin Shoes (1), Pretty Bad (2), Jet Jet Jet (5)

Race 2—(5)—Mr. Keys (3), Fierce and Fiery (1), Shining Lights (2)

Race 3—(Dupe) 4/5/15)—4(5)(6) Contender (1), Gold Blessy (3), Kiss me (8), Passing (7), Mr. Lucky Charm Show (2)

Race 4—(Dupe) 4/5/15)—Lick Cream (2), Moore Silver (5), Dreamlovers (3), Baby Jade (1), Points of Grace (6), Gusto Ko Happy Ka (4)

Race 5—(Dupe) 4/5/15)—Sinister Tidbits (12), Penelope Ria (3), Dat's Pride (8), Diamond Girl (7), Jackstraw Missy (6), Private Star (10)

Race 6—(Invitational)—Friends for Dinner (6), Supreme Leader (1), Long Rose Stem (7), My Kind Star Stretch (2), Bloodline (4)

Race 7—(Dupe) 4/5/15)—Jupiter Thunder (2), Happy Boss (1), Reduced Lenora (7), Andre Sr. (5), Blue Pumpkin (3)

Race 8—(7th)—Big Apple (5), Blessy Ruth (1)

## 'Rambulan' features 100 fights

THE 100 TKO Manila elimination of the Rambulan (1 National 8-Step Derby finals starts tomorrow at San Juan Coliseum with 100 no-more fights lined up.

Elimination round for the first batch of qualifiers starts tomorrow at 9am. 10 and 10 All qualifiers will advance to the semifinal round on Nov. 14.

With P40 million in guaranteed prize at stake, the event holds the distinction of having the biggest purse for a single-day derby this year.

The champion will receive P2 million.

Meanwhile, the 'Rambulan' eliminations in the provinces this week will be held in different venues starting today. For details, call 725-6369 and 729-6663.

## 180 entries join Pasay derby

A TOTAL of 180 race entries will join Pasay City Council's MPCU Invitational Rambulan 80-Step Derby tomorrow at the Villamor Airbase in Pasay.

Race entry submission deadline is set for August 9, 10 and 11. Those who will compete on Tuesday must submit their entries tomorrow at PCC office. For details, call 832-3880, 832-1148 and 85 67 52.

# Suns triumph; Hornets cool Heat

PHOENIX—The Phoenix Suns tied the game in extraordinary circumstances at the end of regulation, then went on to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 122-118 in double overtime in the NBA on Friday.

Memphis seemed safely ahead when leading 96-94 with 5.7 seconds left.

But Jason Richardson banked in a 3-pointer to make it 96-97 with 3.7 to go, then Steve Nash fouled Memphis' Rudy Gay as an inbounds pass. The referees put 0.4 seconds on the clock.

Gay tossed the first free throw and clearly intended to miss the other so time would run out. But it went in and, after a timeout, the ball moved to Phoenix's frontcourt and Grant Hill lofted a perfect lob to Richardson at the rim. The shot went in to tie it at 99.

Nash scored 33 of his 35 points in the overtimes to send Memphis to its third loss in a row.

In New Orleans, the Hornets remained unbeaten in the new NBA season after a 102-92 win over the star-studded Miami Heat.

Emeka Okafor had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Chris Paul had 13 points and 19 assists for New Orleans.

Miami's Dwayne Wade led all scorers with 28 points.

In Los Angeles, the Lakers remained unbeaten after holding off the Toronto Raptors, 100-103.

HORNETS guard Chris Paul (center) grabs the leg of Heat forward Chris Bosh (right) as Dwyane Wade looks on.

In Boston, Kevin Garnett chased down Andrew Nicab and tipped the ball away from behind with 14 seconds left to allow the Celtics to ring out to a 114-105 overtime victory over the Chicago Bulls.

**OTHER NBA RESULTS** Dallas 114, Denver 104; Minnesota 102, San Antonio 93; Washington 102, Houston 92; Orlando 99, Utah 86; Miami 86, Portland 77; Golden State 98, Sacramento 92; Atlanta 113, Indiana 99.

## Pacman breaking jinx vs Margarito

IN HUDDLE

Ruth Cielo

"DO YOU know that Manny Pacquiao will be breaking a jinx—and therefore making history again—if he wins the WBC super welterweight title against Mexico's Antonio Margarito on Nov. 13 at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Texas?"

My boxing IQ was being tested by Teddy Herrera, a cubicle mate, but said somewhere who works for the LTFRB.

Of course I failed the test, just as there has, ing authorities I consulted did when I asked them the same question later. Teddy's research went as far back in time, nobody dared to mention.

Neither were the boxing authorities too interested to bother or not the Pacman was breaking rules. Or there, this other boxer was a jinx-killer.

To Teddy however, the discovery was big news. Immediately after our conversation, he e-mailed a three-page, single-spaced document containing the results of his computer research.

I never thought the manuscript and got even more confused. He wrote about Filipino boxers who fought in the 1930s who failed to win titles in the major weight divisions, the junior mid-dleweight and the light middleweight divisions.

The youngest boxing scribe I consulted explained that the weight limit of all three divisions is 154 lb, except that there are by different names, depending on the world boxing associations requesting the fight.

He also said that the Philippines already had a world champion in the light category. Gerardo "Bebe" Zarate, circa 1935.

"Why don't you just write about the fight last night between Brian Viloria and last shortpound? I believed, instead of 'Pac Man.' That would be more interesting," the scribe said.

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Last Friday's "Fight Fest" may be an indicator that "The Kowalski Punch" is on his way to a comeback soon.

"If you ask me, I saw 70 percent of the old Viloria last night," the young scribe said.

Brian looked better and he was more spectacular than the last time he fought against Cesar Seda, when the fight went the full stretch and with Brian ultimately winning by decision."

After this fight, I remember asking Brian whose his deadly knockout punch which brought him home and glory had gone. Brian promised to remember really hard for his next fight to get it back.

Last Friday's seventh round TKO of Norapol was a clear indication that Brian had kept his promise. The young boxing scribe credits the boxer's impressive progress to his new trainer Sherla Mendez, who used to train world champ Ochoa Ochoa.

"Remember Viloria? He dedied the Philippines since with Daniel Diaz, to attend a big party in Kuching hosted by Pacquiao. I can't recall if it was Manny's birthday celebration," the scribe said.

I remember mentioning that in a small lawchoom. Just at that time, Viloria had not arrived in the Philippines yet.

Viloria his untimely death at age 24, Viloria had logged an ultra-impressive record of 27 wins, all of them by knockout, and no loss. His first 18 wins were by first-round knockouts."

My scribe friend said if Viloria were alive today, he would be facing Pacquiao instead of Margarito. Top Rank promoter Bob Arum had been arranging for a Pacquiao-Viloria fight, according to him.

The conversation leave unconcluded suddenly duke over by Manny himself after he was accused of killing his wife.

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Last yesterday afternoon, just as I was penning the closing touches to this column, I got a call from the young boxing scribe I consulted. He said Teddy Herrera was right, after all. No Filipino boxer had won a world title in the 154-pound weight division. Celestino Caballero took down Mexican Jose Luis Castillo in a knockout over Araneta in the Golden Field Agenda set on Oct. 2, 2010.

## Eagle Ridge widens Sta. Lucia gap

EAGLE RIDGE appeared headed to a 80th Club of the Year crown after winning Game of the first division in the third leg of the 12th Sta. Lucia Golf Tour last Saturday at the Palmer course of the Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Eagle Ridge blasted to lead in the overall race from two to 11 after taking Bonifacio 5, 2 and sealing it for its second consecutive victory on the 16 the course hopping to two going to Saturday's final stop.

That was worth 45 points for Eagle Ridge, erasing the ninth place standing of its Division 3 squad, leaving behind Rancho Palos Verdes of Davao with 130 overall points. Nino Bonifacio managed one victory-up showing to Division 1 and two third place finishes for 40 points to 128 total.

Alta Vista of Cebu normally sidelined behind for a third straight title after posting a measly 27 points and remained stuck at third with 97.

## Highlands Cup golf stakes US tour

A BUSINESS CLASS ticket to US and a four-night Asian cruise will be raffled as hole-in-one prizes in the Highlands Cup Golf which unfolds Nov. 20 at Tagaytay Highlands Golf and Country Club in Tagaytay.

Delta Air Lines is putting up the round-trip ticket prize to the US West Coast while Royal Caribbean's Legend of the Seas offers a four-night Asian tour for interested to 17 of the 40-yard-down layout.

If nobody scores a hole-in-one, the Asian cruise prize will be raffled off among the participants, according to the organizing Tagaytay Highlands Ladies Chapter.

## Ramos powers La Salle jungolf squad

ED HARRIS and Hilggy Yee powered La Salle Green Hills to a seven-point lead in the juniors division of the La ICTSI Invitational Golf tournament at the Tri Hita-sana Golf Club in San Pedro, Laguna.

Harris fired 74 points while Yee added 47 to go with the 39 of Luigi Guerrero as the Greenies finished with 207 to lead sister team La Salle-Zobel after the first half of competition of the multilevel tournament.

Jay Matthew Reyes rounded the U of former to lead La Salle-Zobel.

Meanwhile, defending champion Steven Jean last year's second place finisher College of St. Benilde on the 2010 Team Collegiate Golf Championship today at the Splendido Golf and Country Club in Tagaytay City.

Also up in this Semi-anti-away OK to La Salle's battle-cut powerwood State. It's face-off with University of Asia and the Pacific.

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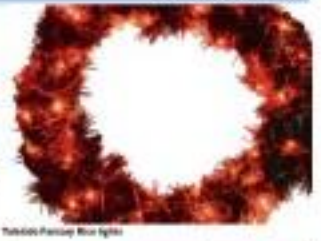

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THE LATEST version of DPC's phone directories

# Phone listings get reinvented

By Carrie Salientes-Nartatez

THE GOOD old yellow pages—those thick books of phone listings—used to occupy a special place in Filipino households, right there with the only phone in the house, usually the big and heavy rotary type.

**This was when one had to wait for 10 years** to acquire a phone line and perhaps a few minutes to get a dial tone, that is if the party line didn't get it first.

Years printed phone books started losing their coveted spot in the house when innovation entered the picture. There came the computers, mobile phones and the Internet, which pushed the yellow pages to the brink of extinction.

**Yet less than Microsoft Corp. founder Bill** Gates predicted in 2007 that the yellow pages would fade into oblivion in five years.

Directory Philippines Corp., the country's 53-year-old phone directory provider, is not at all convinced that the printed phone listings will be gone soon, but the company does want to make sure it will not be caught unprepared by technological developments.

"The physical book is not in the corner of the home anymore, but that does not erode the usefulness of the yellow pages. Remember, the need of people to look for establishments, products and services remains," explains DPC president Ricardo O. Bautista.

**Phone directories were first published by** GTE, which owned the phone company that is now Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. GTE retained the directories even after it sold the phone company in 1966, and it continued publishing them for PLDT.

In 1980, the all-Filipino Cyan Group led by Bautista bought 75 percent of the business. GTE retained 50 percent until 1986, when it sold out completely to the Filipino group.

DPC retained the arrangement with PLDT and has since provided millions of printed directories to the phone firm's subscribers.

## Complete, accurate listing

The yellow pages, Bautista says, still remains the most complete phone listings for both consumers and advertisers.

For commercial establishments, they are guaranteed that the yellow pages will bring them to their target audiences and ready buyers.

"We use snails the yellow pages for fun. They look at them in search for something," Bautista says.

Citing studies, he says 98 percent of the people who open the book find what they are looking for; 92 percent make actual calls, and out of that, 54 percent transact business.

But while the directory's usefulness remains, people's attitude toward the printed books is changing as newer technologies are introduced in the market.

DPC has accepted this reality and has been moving and reinventing itself, without completely drifting away from its

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# From making cabinets to making millions: How Harrison Ford became a star

All. A college junior, Harrison Ford decided to take a drama course in the hopes of meeting girls. Sure enough, a love affair ensued, only not of the variety Ford had envisioned.

Rather than falling for a beautiful woman, he fell in love with acting.

Like so many aspiring actors before and after him, Ford relocated to Los Angeles in the hopes of launching a career in Hollywood. However, he found the industry difficult to enter.

While he was hired for acting jobs, he appeared only in small, often uncredited roles and seldom received a speaking part.

After five or six years, Harrison Ford was tired of performing in obscurity and in need of more steady income in support his family.

Having ability as a craftsman, he took up carpentry. He worked as a stagehand for each group, The Doors, and did odd jobs for many of the people he had met while acting in Los Angeles.

One day, a man named George hired him to build cabinets. While making the cabinets, Ford became acquainted with Coppola, whose name would be his movie director, George Lucas.

Upon learning that Ford was an actor, Lucas gave him the opportunity to audition for a role in his upcoming film American Graffiti.

Ford won the part, a promising start supporting role and his biggest performance to date.

After acting in American Graffiti, Ford packaged his carpentry skill into more on-screen opportunities.

Frances Ford Coppola (director of The Godfather) cast Harrison Ford in a minor role in his 1974 film, The Conversation, after Ford had helped him with the Empire Strikes Back (1980) and The Return of the Jedi (1983).

**A LEADER'S WAY**

*John C. Maxwell*

The duo also worked together on three installments of the widely popular Indiana Jones movies in the 1980s.

Amazingly, what had began as an opportunity to build cabinets turned into one of the most lucrative partnerships in American film history!

Lincoln Quiz: the story of Harrison Ford

1) He opted to in acquiring new skills?

When Harrison Ford wasn't going anywhere as an actor, he found another avenue to exercise his talents...carpentry.

Although he didn't have formal training as a carpenter, Ford diligently worked to gain competence at his new craft. His success in acquiring a new skill not only helped him provide for his family, it positioned him to meet George Lucas.

2) Keep growing because you never know where your opportunity will appear

One would assume that Harrison Ford landed heritage of failure when he put his acting career on hold to make cabinets.

His dream wasn't to be woodworking in the shop; it was to be performing on stage.

Yet despite his disappointment, Ford kept hope alive and stayed ready as an actor.

When George Lucas gave him the opportunity to audition for American Graffiti, Ford was ready, and he won the part.

3) Honing your people skills can reap big dividends

Regarding about Harrison Ford caught the eye for George Lucas. I'm not sure if it was Ford's charisma, his passion for acting, or his skill as a craftsman.

Whatever the reason, the key lesson is that Harrison Ford forged a relational connection with George Lucas.

He considered himself to such a way that George Lucas wanted to see him succeed and decided to give him a shot. Whether you're on the doorstep of your dream or a million miles off course from where you'd hoped to be, improving your people skills is a wise move that will attract opportunities to you.

*Editorial: "The Leadership Factor" with bestselling author and speaker Dr. Harold Sala and Frances Kong on Live. 27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the SMX Convention Center. Included in the program is a video of best selling author Dan Cathy on "How The Mighty Fall". Call inquiry/confirm Consultancy at 687-2634 or visit us at www.inspiralead.com.ph. First 50 to register will get a special rate.)*

## GOINGS-ON

### ADMU wins PSE-ING Equity Challenge

The 2010 PSE-ING Equity Challenge, an educational tie-up between the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) and ING Investment Management Philippines, concluded successfully with team "ateneo_fourth" of the Ateneo de Manila University snatching first place.

Team ateneo_fourth sealed the win on Oct. 15 with a P5.884 million portfolio value and 2.1 percent yield beat over the San Beda College team, which came in second. Another team from Ateneo, team "Blazer", placed third.

Comprising team "ateneo_fourth" are Daniel Andrew Tan, Diane Carlos Dee and Pamela Aimee Lee.

The San Beda team is made up of John Gabriel, Jon Estrella and Charles Galang while the third-place team "Mastery" from Ateneo, is represented by Shaira Bautista, Thompson Tanguay and Juan Kalaw Jr.

First place winners will be awarded a trip to Hong Kong and scholarship/s for the PSE's Certified Securities Specialist Course. Second and third placers will receive cash prizes worth P1.2,000 and P5,000, respectively, as well as special prizes from sponsors.

### Tourism expo seen to spur investments in Luzon

The Manila Philippines Bleisure Tourism and Travel Expo is slated at SM City Clark on Nov. 12 to 14, with the theme "Go Bleisure and spring to diversity."

As an international tourism showcase, the expo takes advantage of the new Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) in Clark and the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), both world-class infrastructure facilities.

The SCTEX strategically connects Luzon's two separate international gateways—Clark and Subic—from which new road projects can be developed to promote accessibility, connectivity, and speed of travel, as well as enhance those of existing ones—both augmenting demand for travel.

The Bleisure days would still allow gala experience from the exotic parks in SM City Clark, which has a land area of 10 hectares, total gross floor area of 180,000 square meters, and over 300 shops and restaurants frequented by thousands of consumers and tourists daily.

Supported by the Central Luzon Tourism Council, the expo is managed by the Philippine Exhibits and Theme parks Corp. Tel. (632) 8359981 to 85, fax (632) 9902123, email mcmphilexpo@gmail.com, and website www.visitphilippines.com).

### Fairways & Bluewater welcomes Centara Grand

Fairways & Bluewater, the 127-hectare resort community in Mactan Island, Cebu, Philippines, welcomed Centara Hotels to manage "The Residences at Fairways & Bluewater" effective Oct. 1.

With its proven track record of generating financial success and its reputation as one of the strongest luxury and first-class hotel and resort developers and operators across the Asian region, Centara Grand is a welcome enhancement to the Fairways & Bluewater community," said Noel "Jet" M. Castillo, Fairways & Bluewater president.

Centara Hotels & Resorts is recognized as Thailand's leading hotel group for deluxe and first class accommodation in both city and resort destinations, and as one of Asia's most important resources for the MICE (meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions) market.

Now in its 27th year of service, the company currently operates a chain of 36 hotels and resorts throughout Thailand, which are self-owned or managed under contract.

The newest addition of eight resorts in The Maldives, India, Philippines, Vietnam and Egypt brings the total to 44 properties.

### Stock X Challenge registration period extended

Originally set to close on Nov. 5, the registration period for the inter-collegiate stock investment competition has been extended until Nov. 12 due to requests from students, several universities and schools still wanting to join the tournament.

The competition is an Online Stock Trading Tournament accessible through the PSE website (www.pse.com.ph), which provides players with real-world trading experience while using virtual money.

The tournament aims to educate and help first-time investors in understanding how the stock market works, which would come in handy including investment decisions in the future.

The Stock X Challenge is organized by the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc., First Metro Investment Corporation, and the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines.

For more on the competition guidelines and updates, visit www.pse.com.ph or contact Jay Pelladar of the Philippine Stock Exchange Inc. at +632 688 7107 or email jpelladar@pse.com.ph

### RFM signs P1.5B in corporate notes

RFM Corporation, one of the country's largest diversified food and beverage conglomerates, recently raised P1.5 billion from its maiden floating rate corporate notes issuance.

The oversubscribed notes issuance was participated in by six of the largest financial institutions in the country and is reflective of the financial market's strong confidence in RFM Corporation vis-à-vis the company's robust and consistent revenues and profit growth.

With arrangement by ING Capital Investment Corporation and BDO Capital & Investment Corporation, at joint lead arrangers, the proceeds of the notes will be used by RFM Corporation for capital expenditure and general corporate purposes.

# Empowering the Filipino makes good business sense for CEO

IN OCTOBER 1998, paper company executive Renato Sio decided to put up a small tissue manufacturing business with three employees and a converting machine. 12 operators and the courage to penetrate a local tissue market then dominated by multinationals.

The company, Sanitary Care Products Asia (SCPA), soon emerged a leader, supplying rolls of imported brands with its high-quality, hygienic and affordable tissue products.

SCPA has since expanded into seven branches, including in Davao, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Dagupan, Naga, Iloilo, and Bacolod and 13 office satellites.

According to Sio, the company is about to tap its eighth one conquering Hawaii, Guam and Micronesia.

"I believe we still have a competitive advantage over imported goods and producers. Many Filipinos are skilled and competent to develop good manufacturer products that can rival imported brands. We should be proud of our locally made products," Sio says.

### Fresh perspective

After obtaining a degree in chemical engineering and graduating magna cum laude from Adamson University, Sio began his career with Andres Soriano's Pepsi-Cola Products Corp. of the Philippines (Pepsi) in Bislig, Surigao del Sur as a management trainee in October 1971. He rose through the ranks over his 13-year stint.

Sio recalls that an advanced management course at the University of Hawaii's Graduate School of Business perspective. "By analyzing an industry in a particular country, you could determine whether your business will be competitive or not," he says, acknowledging the influence of Michael Porter's book, The Competitive Advantage of Nations.

"We are becoming a consumer-driven nation and a market for overseas goods because we have low competitive advantage. My professors recommended that we drive chaos in our consumers by importing [to their] goods or materials that could be converted into a product ready for sale," he says.

### Trusted Pinoy brand

Sio describes his initial foray in business as a mixture of perfect timing and God's grace.

"The lifting of tariffs on imported goods in the late 1990s enabled local manufacturers to import more affordable raw materials for production, which meant significant savings on costs and additional income.

SCPA was able to import high-quality jumbo paper rolls at low prices despite the Asian economic crisis that hit the region a year later.

"When we started in 1998, we only had a delivery truck and a handful of people. Today we have over 300 employees and a stable of 15 trucks, with most of the pioneering employees still with us," he says.

The company's first three clients were supermarkets looking to import their own house brands or products. To ensure high quality and hygiene, the three paper pulp suppliers that awarded the rise of chemicals or bleaching agents in pulp production.

His family, parents and siblings, were instrumental to conceptualizing SCPA and its first brand, Sanicare.

"My wife, Rubie, is very sensitive to the quality of toilet papers. Her skin easily gets irritated by feel on the earliest of regular toilet papers. That's when we thought of developing a toilet paper unit other home products made from 100 percent virgin pulp. These products made from virgin pulp have strong, but low fibers," Sio explains.

SCPA's three brands now include Sanicare, Cheers and Dayo.

While business delivered in leading supermarkets, shoppers, mostly mothers, who are particular about choosing home products, loved the product and started to switch from buying imported tissue brands to purchasing Pinoy-made Sanicare toilet paper rolls.

**MEMATO Sio, founder of Sanitary Care Products Asia (SCPA)**

### Creating opportunities

But Sio, SCPA is no longer the retirement business he thought it would be. He has committed to growing the business and providing more employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

"In SCPA grows, we hope to see more employees joining us. We value our people and treat them as family. We want them to enjoy what they do because when you love your job, you'll achieve more and inspire others as well," he says.

Now that SCPA has gained a foothold in the local market, Sio continues to strengthen its 90,000 reach by exporting world-class tissue products.

"We believe that every Filipino should have access to quality products. We live by the philosophy through constant product innovation and development, socially responsible sourcing, and being responsive to the evolving needs of Filipino consumers," he says.

# Phone listings get reinvented

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easily as comparing for a wide variety of products.

"If you are building a house and in need of construction materials and doors, paints and others, you only need to call up and we will do the canvassing for you. We will list choices the best prices, we will forward to you all the quotes and it is up to you to select," Bautista says.

She said companies that do not maintain a secretary and have less contact with the DPC call center personnel the info and entertain the queries of customers.

"For example, an auto parts shop in Baguio with only two or three people—who do everything from selling, assisting customers to accepting payments—can tap the services of our call center for simple inquiries. All we need are the necessary details that the customers are likely to ask. Instead of answering over the phone, we do it. We also do not transact, it's not our line of business," he adds. "Whatever our subscribers and advertisers need, we bend backwards and do everything to help them."

**BAUTISTA**

### Online yellow pages

Bautista stresses that the printed books' biggest threat is the changing behavior of the people.

"From flipping through the yellow pages, many now open their sites online. This is why the company came up with EYP to go where the people are.

DPC's online yellow pages boast the unity of a comprehensive listing of phone numbers, but also an efficient classification of data.

EYP provides maps that offer specific addresses and locations of the establishments being searched. These are also being tapped by Google under a partnership agreement with DPC.

"We says the company is still working on the maps in the process involves hundreds of thousands of data.

"I myself go out to find out the specific locations of our listed establishments so make sure we get their locations right," he says.

Apart from Google, the company is also working on a partnership with Yahoo, mainly for the use of DPC or EYP data for the search engine.

**PIONEER GROUP NAMED BEST INSURER IN ASIA AND PHILIPPINES**

Pioneer Insurance President and CEO David Cuyugan (left) and Pioneer Life President and CEO Lorenzo Chan (right) recieve the certificate citing the Pioneer Group as "Best Insurer in Asia" and "Best Insurer in the Philippines" from Euromoney magazine. Assistant Publisher William Pesek (center) in Hong Kong. Euromoney, the global publication for financial markets, conducts its insurance survey annually. This year's survey showed an impressive number of respondents giving the most favorable ratings to Pioneer.

# In Abra, traditional farmers hold key to organic future

## Galicia Farms serves as model to agriculture experts

By Desiree Cabana
Inquirer Northern Luzon

PIDIGAN, ABRA—A 10-hectare organic farm in Barangay Galicia in Pidigan, Abra, has been drawing Cordillerans farmers who want to learn about its sustainable and environmental farming practices.

Galicia Farms has served as a model to agriculture experts who advocate a shift back to traditional farming in this age of expensive chemical-based agriculture, said Pura Somangil, director of Social Development Center (Dadec) of the Diocese of Bangued, which runs the farms.

Somangil said the farm has been promoting environment friendly technology and has helped various groups in processing and marketing their products.

The farm has a demonstration field and offers training on seed banking of traditional seeds, organic farming and organizational development.

### Show window

Sealie Jao-Sean running the farm since the late 1990s after its former director Diane Gilcelia Zabala, introduced organic farming in Bangued communities, Somangil said.

"Even before the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (Republic Act 10068) came into the picture, the Department of Agriculture has been coming here to conduct training and lectures among farmers interested in organic farming. This farm has become their show window for the rest of the Cordillera," she said.

"We want to help farmers rely on natural resources in running their farms. We do not want them to rely on commercial chemical inputs. We all know that many of our farmers do not want cost of commercial farming because they are buried in loans so they can buy chemical fertilizers," said Fr. Isidro Valdez, parish priest of Tineg town.

The farm has started efforts in saving Abra's traditional seed varieties that have been displaced due to the government's introduction of high-yielding rice varieties in the 1970s.

More residents in Abra are embracing organic farming methods.

Somangil said more than 40 traditional rice varieties, including those from other Cordillera provinces, are being grown in the farm.

### Integrated farming

Emmanuel Gaboy, agriculturist of Galicia Farms, said the farm has become a source for integrated farming, in which livestock breeding and crop production are done simultaneously.

According to Gaboy, farm veterinarian and dairy monthly seminars on integrated farming for farmers, students and even priests.

"This is a recognized organic farm which the DA has been using as a demonstration farm," he said.

The farm breeds carabaos, oxen, hogs, chickens, geese, ducks and goats which are fed organic vegetables, grass, rice and corn.

Apart from traditional rice varieties, the farm grows eggplants, string beans, bitter gourd, carrots, ginger and potatoes.

The farm makes its own organic fertilizer from animal manure, rice straw, leaves, rice hull and powdered eggshells.

Gaboy said the organic fertilizer is used in vegetable farms and rice fields. He said the farm also makes its own organic feed for ducks, chickens and turkey from ground corn, rice bran, chopped camote leaves, kangkong, banana stumps, rice, rosecreado sugar and fermented juice of papaitan, carrot and mangoes.

### 'Alores'

While the farm grows hogs, the pens do not emit much odor due to "alores," a decolorizer created by farm technicians from saw dust, rice hull and organic fertilizers.

Somangil said the land where the farm operates used to be owned by Augustinian priests. She said the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia, which covers Ilocos Sur, turned over the area to the Diocese of Bangued.

"The land to be a hilly farm that produced sugarcane and tobacco. The Abra irrigation project was put upin the 1970s so it could water the farms in Tayum, Bangued and Pidigan towns. The plants and trees here stand the test of time, as if you look around, there are lots of [mature] old trees here," Somangil said.

# Traders does bit for environment

THE MANDALUYONG and staff members of Traders Hotel Manila continue to be engaged in environmental and social sustainability practices in partnership with local nonprofit organizations.

Recently, employees of the Shangri-La-managed hotel served as one of the volunteer groups in the 20th Coastal Cleanup Day at Lunjan in Barangay Caniogan.

Led by Mike Mangahis, training manager and CSR head, 30 volunteers helped clean a portion of the polluted shoreline, managing to collect 37 sacks of garbage consisting of plastics, drinking bottles, tires to shoes, rubber toys, as well as mattress.

The bay area is an important element for Traders Hotel Manila because it is located across from Manila Bay.

"Our guests routinely get to appreciate sunset's awesome beauty and the serenity that the sea view offers. It is saddening to know that other parts of the ocean actually provide a disheartening view. This drive is to be mindful of our own surroundings and responsibility to the immediate environment where we operate," says general manager Gordon Aoris.

The hotel's employees also recently trekked to Mt. Ipo in Norzagaray, Bulacan, for the company's "Tree for Life" memorial tree planting activity.

Aoris and the team of 30 men and women led by Mangahi and human resources director Iris de los Reyes, along with Julie Montaño of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, walked a mile to reach the site despite the bad weather.

The group successfully planted 1,000 mahogany seedlings on a slope of Mt. Ipo hillside.

For more information, please contact the CSR section on [illegible]

# Breathing spaces in today's vertical communities

AS METRO Manila and other urban centers become more congested, the only way to go is to build up. In the center cities, as the lack of available land space grows, developers now face the dilemma of providing comfortable living spaces to the young urban families in search of eco-friendly living areas.

Now, the question is: How can "green living," specifically natural air and light flow, be incorporated into the designed condominium you once cramped and overcrowded living spaces are the norm?

In an article that appeared on cooperatecom.ca titled, Beating "Sick Building Syndrome" by Kristi Lewis, it was discussed that, "the [sick building syndrome (SBS)] can be summarized as all the symptoms associated with a building's environment/systems which [can] create health problems or [make] office, or experienced by the occupants of that building."

The article also stressed that sometimes, such symptoms experience could be felt even after in the comfort of the air they are breathing. This type of air usually contains contaminants like dust, molds, bacteria, and other small particles that are sometimes recirculated inadequate or fresh airflow. This situation is especially rampant in cramped residential spaces lacking regular maintenance or poorly planned living spaces.

Taking on the task of continuously providing the young urban family with options to alleviate the deteriorating standards of city condo living, design engineers of DMCI Homes have long been breaking with the idea of implementing a building design that worked with the frame and environment concept of the dweller of tomorrow in the Philippine context. The Fleetwood community, which occurs generally during the first half of the year, brings cool and the smoke (outdoor) from Silvercrest Cloisa, amidst the Southeast monsoon brings moderate temperature. Sunlight from the West Pacific Ocean and North China bring during the second half.

To add to their already successful implementation of the single-loaded corridors and using information on the Philippines' prevailing weather conditions, DMCI Homes has designed another architectural innovation that integrates natural light and ventilation in their building design features. Called Luminvent, with natural softening to light and routine to wind, this system allows for free flow of natural light and wind around and into their high-rise structures. First introduced in Tivoli Garden Residences in Mandaluyong, this breakthrough technology is borne on

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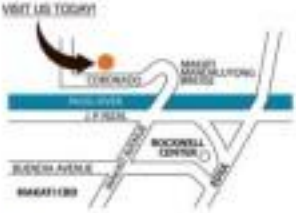


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# Surf's up for La Union entrepreneurs

By Elmer Kristian Gaulgey
Inquirer Northern Luzon

SAN JUAN, LA UNION—The panic generated by the approach of Typhoon "Juan" here last week could only be matched by the surfing synod's anticipation for "The Big One"—an ethereal reference to the perfect wave.

Ask any surfer who answered here last week to compete in the 5th La Union Surfing Break or to count a few hundred powerful standing beginners.

The last week of October drew up to 6,000 visitors, making it the most successful surfing event yet, says Rodolfo Ibñez, president of the San Juan Beach Resorts Association, who chaired Surfing Break.

Surfing Break earned more than P1.00,000 in three days, bolstering how much more the community profited from the new surf trade.

"Surfing has been promoting San Juan and even the province. People who come [to] surf, also visit other La Union towns," Ibñez says.

Surfing also introduced new trade to the villagers.

There are about 60 surfing instructors in Barangay Urbiztondo alone who assembly pack inns and offer refresher courses or resale courses.

San Juan has nine resorts that booth from Surf Break. Ibñez says all of their rooms have been fully booked.

These resorts also operate their own surf clinics. The more formal clinics charge as high as P475 for an hour of lessons. Students earlier who go to transient clinics pay P200 an hour.

Aaron Reading, a surfing instructor at Imbuy Beach, says he teaches up to 500 clients from October to December when surf crowds gather each year.

"Business is strongest during vacations like the long All Saints' Day weekend. Boarders come from students of Metro Manila," he says.

Surfing instructors earn according to how long they end up coaching beginners. "Surf instructors have to treat these students well so they come back with friends in tow," Reading says.

When Typhoon "Pepeng" struck Northern Luzon in October last year, the Surf Break's offshore surf clinic recorded over 300 students paying high for lessons, says Tessie Pisanni, an employee of the clinic.

A STALL sells surfing-inspired apparel in VIRGIN.

GINO Ghai, who works in Quezon City, frequently goes to his hometown in San Juan, La Union to promote surfing.

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# People, Events & Products

## DepEd Secretary Luistro honors BPI's Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children for 2010

EDUCATION SECRETARY Armin Luistro will lead this year's awarding ceremonies of the Bank of the Philippine Islands' (BPI) 2010 Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children Awards. The event will be held Nov. 8 at the Tanod Centennial Hotel in Makati.

BPI's Search for Ten Outstanding Overseas Filipino children aims to instill the importance of education among the youth and show appreciation for the sacrifices made by Expat Pinoys working abroad in an aim to give their children and families a better life. In its 6th year, the search heightened the competition with the newly launched categories, joining the annual Bong Gimeno Tiklao award, namely, Bong Bisaya Entrepreneur, Bong Bisaya Athlete, and Bong Bisaya Community Leader awards.

At the awarding ceremonies, BPI will bring together exemplary OFW children, their families, community schools and related government institutions in honoring the exemplary contributions of Filipino youth models to the country. Sec. Luistro will be delivering the keynote speech and also share valuable insights on the importance of education and empowerment of youth.

"BPI is one with DepEd in nurturing the potentials of the youth. In this year's Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children Awards, we are glad to have DepEd's full support in this endeavor. Together, we are empowering a very important sector of the country," says Teresa Tan, executive vice-president and group head of consumer banking and channel services group of BPI.

The 2010 Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children Awardees are Lyan Majid Q. Enriquez of Asuncion de Gamao University (Bong Gimeno Tiklao awardee), Iralyn Marie "I" Dagan of DMF (Bong Bisaya Entrepreneur awardee); Jose Renato S. Uson of SILSU (Bong Bisaya Athlete awardee); Fleurence Marie D. Bayer of Assumption College (Bong Bisaya Community leader awardee); Hinda Angela H. Mariano of GF Dillimar; Kirsten Therese T. Lenase of UST; John Jefferson V. Bella of DMSA-Damasmahal; and Leonel N. Hontiveros of De La Salle College of St. Benilde; Reynold L. Chiong of St. Louis University; and Ruth Elmwood G. Cabanog of Philippine Normal University.

### TOYOTA PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT FINEX CONFERENCE

Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation (TMP) president Michimitsu Sugata (right) was guest speaker at the recently-concluded 2010 Finex conference of the Philippine Institute of Chief Financial Executives (Finex) National Conference with the theme "Forming for Change." Sugata shared that overall business continued to be the Philippines economy is positive. For the local auto industry alone, he said that the present state of automotive sales in the country indicates a promising future. He likewise stressed that government support could further bolster this growth, especially amid the opportunities and challenges of a free trade regime. With Sugata in photo is Dio Balanban and Associates managing partner Isaac Dionisio Dy (standing) who was the moderator during the question-and-answer portion.

### ASIANLIFE, HEALTHWAY CONTRACT SIGNING

AsianLife and General Assurance Corp. entered the agreement in partnership with Healthway Medical Clinic (Healthway) for providing quality healthcare services to its valued clients. Shown in photo (from left) are Asian Life assistant vice president Dr. Cecilia Paz Guerrero; Asian Life first vice president and medical director Dr. Veronica J. Leonardo; Asian Life president and CEO Rodolfo A. Mendoza; Healthway president Dr. Eleanor Ilao; Healthway vice chairman Dr. Linda Chua; Healthway account executive Arleen Robredo; and Healthway vice president for sales and marketing Carmi de Leon.

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### PHILCONSTRUCT ILATED NOV. 11 TO 14 AT SMX

This year marks another milestone for the Philippine Constructors Association (PCA) and the Philconstruct name, as the country's most significant and successful event celebrates its 20th year anniversary. Backed by PCA's 60 years of industry experience, the 20th Philippine International Construction and Construction Equipment, Building Materials Exhibition and Technology Forum is set to become the biggest event ever as it takes place this Nov. 11 to 14, at the SMX Convention Center at the Mall of Asia Complex. The show is expected to attract over 15,000 visitors by professionals. This year, the show is expanding its reach to new markets as it becomes the 1st Sustainable Building Technology Conference, as announced by Leny Fajardo, deputy president of PCA. For more info, please contact the event manager, Global Link MP Events International Inc. at tel. nos. (02) 756-0000 Ext no. (02) 756-0000 ext. 0000 or e-mail them at philconstruct@globalinkmp.com. Philconstruct is where you will see the entire spectrum of the construction industry under one roof. The show will be open to visitors from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 13, and 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 14.

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### PRODUCT FILES

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#### Goldilocks offers Disney Princess Cookie Tin

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#### It's definitely a brighter Christmas with LED

SIL ISAAC Enterprises presented the use of Rope Light, also known as Neon Light. LED Rope Light, LED neon Propellant, LED signs and LED wall washers and LED backlight strings among others. LEDs are generally preferable to light bulbs as they have a longer lifespan. One of the advantages of LED lights is their energy efficiency that traditional lights as they usually use less than a quarter of the energy of incandescent lights. LED lights can also last for up to ten times longer than incandescent versions. During Christmas, the types of LED lights used include the LED Christmas Net Light, LED Wall Washer or Snow drops and LED Flood light. For simply festive and bright Christmas, turn to LED lighting by SIL ISAAC Enterprises. You can visit the store at 808 Juan Luna St. Binondo, Manila. To know more about LED, visit www.led-sil.com.

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### BDO REMITTANCE WIDENS ACCESSIBILITY IN EUROPE

Banco De Oro (formerly known as BDO), through its remittance service arm BDO Remit, will further expand its accessibility to overseas Filipinos and remitting in Europe by opening its 4th Global Filipino Remittance Center (GFRC) branch in Vienna, Austria. The new branch is in addition to its existing branches in USA, Saudi, Hong Kong, and Singapore. GFRC London director Ronaldo Flamiano, Philippine Ambassador to Austria Leonilo Yap-Laguitan, GFRC Europe director Reiko Lacsina, and a remittance representative during the opening of GFRC Vienna branch and Head Rolly P. Mercado, Philippine Consul General to Vienna Austria Rosalinda Baldoz-Flamiano, GFRC London director Thiruparan Thuraisingam, PH Ambassador to Austria Leonilo Yap-Laguitan, GFRC Europe director Reiko Lacsina, and a remittance representative during the opening of GFRC Vienna branch and Head. Rolly P. Mercado, Philippine Consul General to Vienna Austria Rosalinda Baldoz-Flamiano, GFRC London director Thiruparan Thuraisingam, PH Ambassador to Austria Leonilo Yap-Laguitan, GFRC Europe director Reiko Lacsina, and a remittance representative during the opening of GFRC Vienna branch and Head. Rolly P. Mercado, Philippine Consul General to Vienna Austria Rosalinda Baldoz-Flamiano, GFRC London director Thiruparan Thuraisingam, PH Ambassador to Austria Leonilo Yap-Laguitan, GFRC Europe director Reiko Lacsina, and a remittance representative during the opening of GFRC Vienna branch and Head. 20.

### HNC'S SEMINAR ON HOME CARE OF CHEMO PATIENTS

Due to great feedback, HNC offers for the third time "Pangangalaga sa Tahanan: Chemotherapy" care at regarding many learners' wishes. It's on 20, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) Library, Kalayaan Avenue, Quezon City. Shown are (from left): Dra. Melou Mateo, Marly Chua, Jean Lewis, DON Cynthia Rosario, Marine Health Care and Prof. Encarnacion Dychiangco, president of the Philippine Oncology Nurses Association during the 1st seminar for cancer patients, families, advocates, health care professionals. For more info e-mail hncphilippines@homehealthcare.com.ph or call (02) 241-1066 and (02) 8888-02.

### MANGO TREE BISTRO OPENING

A newly opened restaurant is serving quality Thai cuisine on the third level of Greenhills Mall. Shown are restaurateurs Eva and Evelilia Yang with Governor City Mayor Herbert Bautista who graced the mesmerizing last Oct. 11.

### THUMBS UP FOR AGEL'S SUPER AGENTS

Agel Philippines managing director, Brad Wiesmeyer (center) together with company leaders, guests and speakers gathered at an event held Business Builders Event held at Function at the Promenade in Greenhills. Attractively Insured Agel's top producers and welcomed those who got for the business opportunities provided by the company. Agel, a key Offered food supplement company established in 2006. Agel Philippines is located at 5/F Philamlife Tower, Paseo de Roxas Avenue, Makati City, tel. no. 898-0858. For more information, visit www.agel.com.

### AGRILINK 2010 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

AgriLink 2010 recently unveiled to the crowding public at the World Trade Center. Showed starring their collaborating ceremony were (from left) Mr. Benito Callangan, Sr., Assistant Secretary Ian Puzon (by-and-) and Mr. Francis Ambassador Thierry Dodji de Macedo, DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala, AFMA Director Malcolm Garcia, Rep. Benito Callangan, Chair Committee on Industrial, and SGLG Director Miguel Linsar III.

### BERRIMA DIESEL SERVICE DONATES TO SAN JUAN

Berrima Diesel Service, the diesel specialists from Australia and now with offices in Mandaluyong City, Philippines, recently donated more than 5,000 units of DPDay units to the San Juan City Police Department in coordination with their team Mayor Guia Gomez. The DPDay is a diesel fuel additive that is used to help clean and protect diesel engines. The DPDay will improve new-tank performance by around 3% per cent, thereby assisting the police in performing their duties more efficiently. The turnover of the DPDay took place at the San Juan Municipal Hall Aug. 31, after a flag-raising ceremony. The devices were filled by Berrima's own Andrew Lamont assisted by Neal Rodgers, sales consultant of Berrima Diesel and witnessed by San Juan City Vice Mayor Francis Zamora, Chief of Police Col. Ojeda, and members of the San Juan City Council.

### JAMIE TURNS 10

Jamie Lauren, daughter of Engr. and Mrs. Reynaldo O. Aguinor, born on Oct. 6, 1900, celebrated her 10th birthday last Oct. 23 at the Music Garden in Pasay City. She wore a metallic-sequined inspired gown during her debut. Jamie is a sophomore BSED Engl ish student at the Academy in Makati City.

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# Chicken in heat worries livestock growers

By Michelle F. Remo

CLIMATE CHANGE has started its ugly head with devastating effect on fires, properties and businesses.

The occurrence of extreme weather has become more frequent, from typhoons to crippling heat that has wreaked parts of Asia. These occurrences severely affect people's lives and businesses, especially those in the agriculture sector.

The broiler industry, which relies on healthy chickens for profit, is one of those adversely affected by heat waves.

During a dry spell marked by extreme heat, raisers find it difficult to grow chickens and maintain their broilers.

Thirsty most to maintain a certain temperature, broilers drink bodies. To release heat from their bodies and stabilize their temperature, chickens use energy to release heat, therefore, depletes energy of chickens faster and makes them vulnerability," explains Dr. Israel Ramirez, managing director of Bitzade Inc., a solutions provider for the poultry industry.

## Solution

As a result, he says climate change has become one of the biggest problems of the broiler industry.

But Ramirez tells the business that the broiler industry need not succumb to the adverse effects of climate change.

He says that in the modern world, there is a technology that will address almost any problem, including heat woes. It that dampens the income opportunities of livestock raisers, too.

Ramirez says that Bitzade offers a technology that addresses problems brought on by heat, which adversely affects the broiler industry.

Bitzade is a part of the Israeli company which has businesses across most segments of the agriculture sector.

According to Ramirez, Bitzade's "tunnel ventilation system," will help maintain the needed temperature in chicken coops.

Such a facility calls for a roofing, equipment and exhaust fans, which are used to exchange fresh and stale air to and out of a building.

With the ventilation system in place, raisers may be able to maintain stable temperature of chickens and preserve the energy of their livestock.

As a result, chickens become healthier, weigh heavier, and mature faster even during extreme heat.

Moreover, Ramirez says, the cool temperature prevents chicken waste from acquiring moisture. Dry waste may then be burned into fertilizer and sold to a raiser's income.

"The tunnel ventilation system is a world-class technology. It enhances the genetic potential of chickens," Ramirez says.

## 32-day chick

Meanwhile, Ernesto Rodriguez, managing director of Bitzade, provides data that show the advantages of growing chickens under the tunnel ventilation system.

Rodriguez says that system causes a chick to mature within 32 days—faster than the 45 days needed for a chick to grow under normal conditions.

Moreover, chickens that mature under Bitzade's system tend to weigh about 1.7 kilograms, heavier than the general average of 1.2 to 1.3 kilos.

"Also, with the tunnel ventilation system, a grower can generate more revenue for every unit of space he has for each of his chickens," he says.

Because of the cool temperature that the system provides, a chicken only needs 0.10 square feet of space to stay comfortable and cool. On the other hand, Rodriguez says, a chicken grown under traditional means would need a square foot of space to avoid excessive heat.

The system has been in use in the United States since the 1970s, Rodriguez says.

In the Philippines, however, the technology got its jumpstart in the early 2000s, when San Miguel Corp. divested its chicken growers to use the tunnel ventilation system.

Bitzade supplies the tunnel ventilation system to chicken growers supplying San Miguel's requirements, Rodriguez says.

Up to 40 percent of broilers in the country now use the tunnel ventilation system, Rodriguez also expects the figure to grow due to the increasing threat of climate change.

## Late start

The technology had a late start in the Philippines justly due to cost and the absence of credibility. But a single client (an integrated farm system, a raiser) may have to spend as much as P500 per chick.

Not all chicken growers in the Philippines can afford the technology, admits Rodriguez. But he says that once a grower has invested in it, the investment get costing potential to quite promising.

Today, Rodriguez says there are already quite a number of banks willing to provide loans to investors of the broiler industry who want to invest in the tunnel ventilation system.

These include Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines, Quedan and Rural Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Rodriguez adds that there is much room for growth in the broiler industry.

He says that in the Philippines, a person on the average will tend to consume 7 kilos of chicken meat.

This is much lower than the 14 to 19 kilos observed to neighboring countries, and the 27 kilos seen in the United States.

"Chicken is the cheapest source of protein," Rodriguez says.

He expects local demand for chicken to double since more Filipinos realize its health benefits. He is confident to push on local demand, despite some doubts in the industry's boom-to-bust cycle, one of which is climate change.

But he adds that the use of technology, particularly the tunnel ventilation system, may help the broiler industry contribute to the country's food security, notwithstanding environment conditions.

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RODRIGUEZ

A FAMILY makes do with a makeshift shelter after the storm. Most residents of Bagao, Tabaco, left through debris for items to sell or recycle.

## *Opportunities abound for typhoon survivors*

By Wilamor Visaya Jr.
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LAGAN, ISABELA—The Chinese used to equate crisis with both danger and opportunity. And what's been good for one of the world's oldest cultures may also be good for communities recently ravaged by Typhoon "Juan."

Salvage operators, carpenters, mobile phone charging station owners and distilled water traders are just some of the province's service providers who have been earning tidy sums for two weeks running.

### Earning from junk

Some of these entrepreneurs were downed by the violence of the typhoon, which had cost Cagayan Valley notably Isabela, up to P4 billion in crop losses and P482 billion in road damages.

Residents have been seen sifting through the debris to salvage whatever they can use or sell, such as twisted roofing, galvanized sheets, old bottles, driftwood, pieces of cardboard and plastic containers.

Gregorio Colasido, 59, who has a 14-year-old manmade recovery business, says he used to earn about P500 to P600 a day from his cache as much as P1,000 to P2,000 a day because of what Juan wrought.

"Nagsasawa na sa kanilakasuwat a mada ket mailako. Inton ogbong ket ag-adilliwen manen ni arakiwar a dumani (We are working double time now because of the volunteers [who] want to be covered and sold. Later, we will resort to our usual earnings)," he says.

The long 40 hours' toy weekend allowed children the same opportunity to earn from junk.

Dozens of makeshift stations set up for charging mobile phones for a fee have also been making it big.

Bagao still has no electricity, but those stations run on generators. They charge P10 for each mobile phone.

### Charges

"We are in range of 20 mobile phones in an hour or two, we can earn P300. Medyo pihit ito' [ito], that is P1,800 a day which is additional income indeed," says Pedro Ilo, who took in assorted goods.

The service also covers recharging computers, laptop batteries, digital cameras and video cameras, he says.

The third "in demand" workers in times of calamity are carpenters.

Although they too have lost their homes, the carpenters have been on call every day for the past two weeks. Each shop earns up to P500 in a day's work.

"Dinto inagustuhan ti handa ti agpaayar a hahbatay. No saan a umuna ket asot a umuna ket ti aloda nga agbayad ah (The earnest accommodate all requests for carpentry work. It would be set a first come, first served basis, and those who can pay a immediately)," says Rodolfo Olla, 50, a carpenter-mainstay customers.

### Free lunch

Pedro Serrano, 53, says free lunch and lodging become perks when they are called to rebuild houses in remote places.

Also, the power blackout has severely affected water distribution. Long queues at distilled water refilling stations are still a common sight here.

Water stations owners have been earning an average of P9,000 to P6,000 a day as they do from the usual P5,000 daily income before the typhoon.

"People need safe and potable water. After the typhoon, water from pump wells and open wells usually runs into brooding grounds [for disease carrying mosses], according to doctors," says Melanie Amorsolo, 38, a distilled water seller.

# Rusty Lopez's lasting legacy

IN THE WORLD of fashion, particularly footwear, Rusty Lopez is perhaps one of the most recognizable brands in the country.

In the shoe city of Marikina, the brand is already being hailed for its exemplary performance. It now belongs to the hall of fame of the Philippine Retailers Association Awards for small and medium enterprise (SME). It had also been recognized as the Manila FAME for being at par with international standards.

It has been presented the prestigious Superbrands Award and Seal of Approval in 2005.

Beyond the string of commendations, Rusty Lopez head honcho Lito Lopez says that the brand's biggest achievements are its longevity and customer loyalty.

What shoppers constantly seek are two literally shoes for work, or sturdy loafers for school. It has become synonymous with comfort, functionality and durability.

This reputation wasn't earned overnight, though.

This label started out as a humble shop at the Cubao Shoe Expo in 1977.

Lito, who came from a family of shoemakers in Marikina, decided to bring the family business to a bigger market through Rusty Lopez's maiden label, Greenapple.

"It was inevitable that I go into this business. It's in my blood," Lito says. "I was taught education in every detail to make sure that every shoe should not only be stylish, but comfortable, durable to be worn every day, and sturdy, lasting for years."

NICOLE Lopez

With only Lily Lito turned the family business into a footwear empire.

They soon transferred the business into a new label: Rusty Lopez.

It hasn't always been smooth sailing for the family, though.

"Every company has to go through big challenges in order to test its resilience, its staying power," shares Lito.

The industry is flooded with affordable imported brands, paving hard competition a tougher time marketing their products.

Instead of choosing to get buried under the competition, the Rusty Lopez team decided to up the ante.

"Whatever [all the imported competition] can do, we can also do. And better."

They then invested in discovering machinery and technology from Italy.

After fusing world-class innovation with Marikina's shoe ingenuity, Rusty Lopez succeeded in coming out with top quality yet reasonably priced footwear.

This inevitably catapulted the brand to its current status.

Now active in the business is daughter Nicole. She is set to inject new blood into the brand.

"She is bringing in fresh ideas, new styles, new fashion influences," Lito reveals.

With the entry of Nicole into the picture, Rusty Lopez will introduce a new line of fashion-forward footwear: from studded pumps to platform sandals and stilettos. This expands their market, reaching out to young fashionistas.

"We created a new line of stylish shoes, without veering away from the standards Rusty Lopez has always been known for...quality footwear at affordable prices. We still have the classic and basic styles that remain very popular through the years."

The company says to it that style moves seamless in their new line of shoes. Slight-bodied pumps and stilettos may rest seamlessly be worn for long hours. Or even a sweet, but following the standards of Rusty Lopez, they say to it that this is possible.

The new brand of Rusty Lopez shoes was seen on the runway when the company joined the Philippine Fashion Week for the first time.

The brand also unveiled its Holiday and Summer Collections in a fashion show at the Mall of Asia last Oct. 30.

# Mang Inasal's Sia named top Small Business Entrepreneur

GLOBE NEGOSYANA Edgar "Injap" Jimenez Chairman and CEO of Mang Inasal Philippines Inc., braved the fast food industry that is dominated by big players and proved that nothing is impossible.

He grew Mang Inasal to more than 300 stores in seven years and hopes to reach 500 branches by the end of 2011. Last Oct. 12, the fast growth and aggressive expansion of Mang Inasal nationwide earned Injap the Small Business Entrepreneur award at the 5th Enterprenuer Of The Year Philippines 2010.

Mang Inasal showed that it could be done. Injap used cash to finance plans to master what and work very hard at it. He strongly believes nothing is impossible, and Mang Inasal's story is living proof of this.

Recently, JollibeeFoods Corp. made an unsolicited offer to acquire 70 percent stake in Inasal for approximately P3 billion, while Injap Investments Inc. would retain 30 percent.

The success story of Mang Inasal is expected to inspire Filipino entrepreneurs to dream big and pursue their dreams.

Injap is a staunch advocate of Globe Negosyante, the program Globe Business spearheaded and initiated early this year to empower entrepreneurs to master the strength of passion and dedication, and enable small and medium enterprises (SME) to grow their businesses using cost-efficient, innovative and relevant information and communication services.

Globe congratulates Mang Inasal and Injap Jimenez on this achievement and we are truly proud that a Globe Negosyante continues to make a difference in our society and gain recognition for entrepreneurs," said Manny A. Alfonso, head of Consumer and SME Segments in Globe Business.

At the Small Business Entrepreneur awards, Injap encourages SMEs to believe in the Filipino's potential to make a positive change in the country and help uplift other people's lives.

In 2003, JCI Philippines launched Entrepreneur Of The Year in the Philippines. The program was developed in the US by professional services firm Ernst & Young in 1986, and expanded first in 2001 with the launch of the World Entrepreneur Of The Year awards.

Other winners announced during the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards night held last Oct. 22 at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel were Gabino Abejo Jr. of Abejo Builders Corp., Lyndon Tan of Basic Necessity Inc., Antonio Meloto of General Ballenga Group Realty Development Corp., Esther Vilasi of Vilasi Publishing, and Rosalyn Chan of Bonny Fresh Food Inc.

Benjamin I. Limson of Investors Placement Corp. was finally given the Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines 2010.

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GIZELA GONZALEZ-NOLLEDO and her surroundings.

Sampaguita vendor, scavenger, prostitute—these are among the young lives trying conquer the bleakest of circumstances

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

WHAT COMES to your mind when an urchin knocks on your car window, urging you to buy the last few sampaguita garlands so he or she can go home?

"Rochelle, 13, regularly buys a can of three-in-one in the market so she can make garlands at home. Her father can't work. Her mother has a job as a yaya, a nanny... Rochelle delivers extra garlands to her neighbors, her aunts, her usual customers. Her sister Rebecca, 12, comes by later in the day to collect payment ... Any garlands the girls cannot immediately sell they treat just so as to find the flowers last another day."

The sampaguita vendor—a mere act—is one of the profiles in the book, "Where the Children Are."

Lawyer, philanthropist and author Gizela M. Gonzalez went to San Pedro, Laguna, to learn about how the buds were harvested, collected, prepared and strung into a garland, and how vendors, Rochelle and Rebecca dream of improving their lives.

Published by Ambar Asia, "Where the Children Are" portrays the lives of twelve privileged children who are set to be joined her sisters to be admitted for their tomorrows and episodes.

When Gonzalez read "If I Were Hate Cele-

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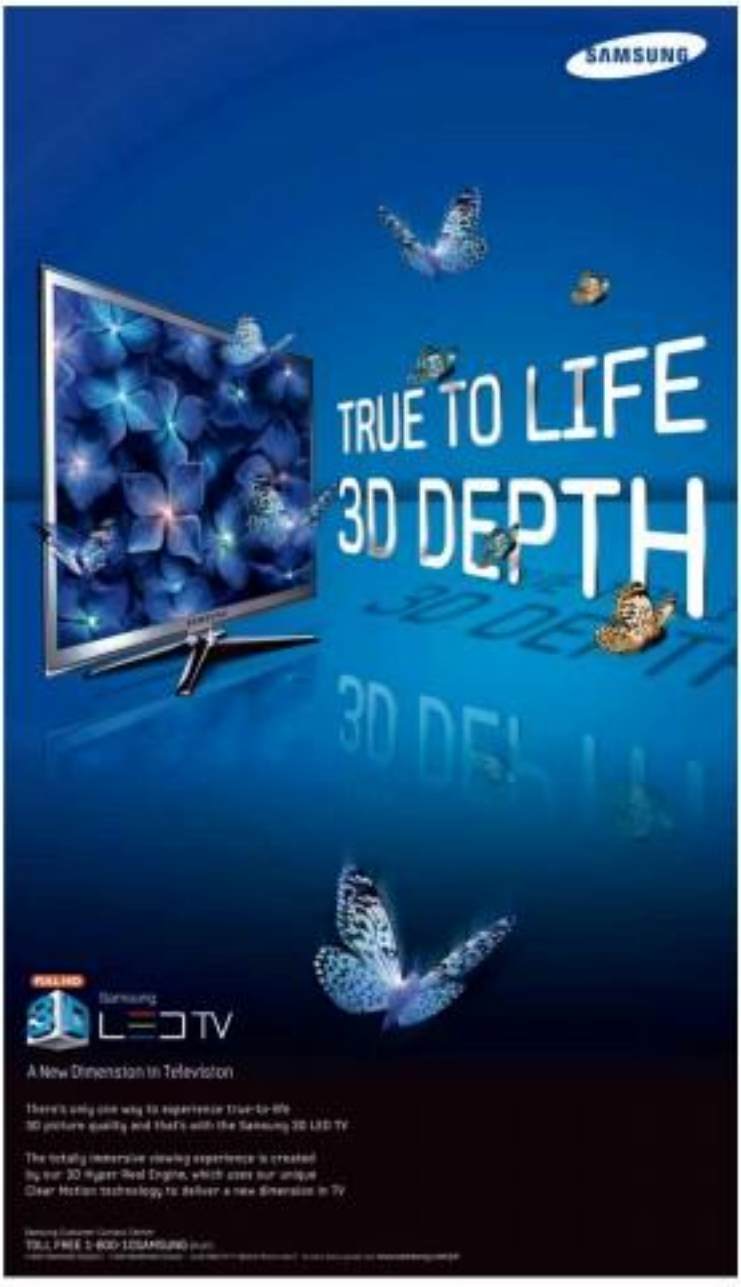

# From Payatas to the cemetery lawyer Gizela finds the country's children

STUDENT Inter-country-adopted family-reunion classical music in Cara Eue Miguel, 2 scholars. Photos taken by Gonzalez's daughter Chiara Montinola

JEJUN earns through scholarship

GONZALEZ with husband Isadore Aurelio Montinola III, Gabriella, (seated) Chiara and Sofia in a photo by Wig Tjoeran

Seeing the Spirit of India's Unacknowledged Urban Child," edited by Nanni Singh, she was touched by the powerful images and the experiences of the children with brain/chest viewpoints.

"Going around in everyday life, you think of them big social issues—poverty, housing, education and child labor. How would these issues affect the child? That became the starting point," she says.

Gonzalez, a board member of the Gawad Kalinga Foundation, brought a foreign perspective to Payatas. He wanted to discover the infant populace.

"He saw him hand from the children lived," she says. "We go on with our daily lives, yet we don't have time to do that essential notion. That triggered the immediacy."

"Where the Children Are" dutches the lives of nine children and offers a glimpse into those of 10 others, all of them trying to conquer their bleak circumstances.

They were chosen based on the recommendations of foundations.

Gonzalez interviewed children in Ghent Manila, Laguna and Zambales.

Tina Lobayen, head of Art Portfolio, tapped a researcher to interview children to improve their communities.

"I was looking at children who had compelling stories which would represent the country. We chose children to represent a spectrum of issues," she says. Gonzalez's soft and pithy style captures the soul of each individual.

In a literary manner, Gonzalez creates atmosphere by describing the sullen before focusing on the child.

"It's like journalism. The writer is the observer inwardly, while allowing the subject to speak," she says.

### Diverse subjects

The subjects are diverse. There's a tribal girl—Aninia, a Manobo in Northern Cotabato who continues the dance tradition of her elders and hopes to become a teacher.

On child labor, there's Alberto, 12, of Lumban, Laguna, who sometimes *pako* to support his grandparents. Although he never learned to write, he dreams of becoming a doctor to heal his grandfather who has suffered a stroke.

On disabilities—Aaron, 13, plays the piano and rides a bike, and Gianbalk, 14, sings in the school choir. Both are under the Special Education Program of Ramon Magsaysay High School.

On hunger—Rachelle, 12, lives in a cemetery in Caloocan where her mother is a grave caretaker and laundry woman.

One of the most inspiring stories is how Cara Eue Miguel Century for the dew founder Alphonso "Coke" Bedquin trained children of fishermen, farmers and vendors to become classical violinists or cellists.

There's the other side of life to find. "Other Journeys." A single sentence on the page grips the reader.

### Coping mechanisms

"This is the only thing that makes my problems and my hunger disappear. My life is hard and I want to be able to forget," Gonzalez quotes a nonverbal as saying. The last truth gave as a coping mechanism.

"There is 8L, who at 12, was drowned by a friend into drinking, did work as a guest relations officer in clubs. In turned out it was a brothel, where her first client raped her. At 16, she left the trade and got a scholarship grant. Yet she is still discriminated against by her colleagues.

"He felt uncomfortable for these kids to be overexposed. I am told the story of their lives, it would be too painful for them," says Gonzalez.

She recognizes that the book doesn't have an agenda, nadi or giving deliverance.

"We didn't want to color the stories with client lives. We dared, good a relationship where I am distressed them better. I came from a middle class family so them as I would to my kids. It was urgent for them. You're a child and you live in these circumstances. I'm here to listen to you and convey your story. There's a certain purity to them. When the child speaks, it's from their heart," says Gonzalez.

The book ultimately launches the readers and opens their eyes to realities.

"The advocacy is to allow people to experience the lives of the children and to reach that person wherever that person is," she says. "Hopefully, it will inspire people to help kids like them. All over the country, it's the story of so many children."

Among readers Jasmine Jones, for instance, read the book and was so moved by the story of Rachelle, who lives among the cockroaches, that he got a little book and started collecting small change for her. Jasmine's efforts are modest, he raised a few thousand pesos. He hopes funds like his would help bring a better future to these children.

### Optimism

Most of the subjects in the book are between the ages of 11 and 15, still holding on to their innocence.

"We don't know what their life will be like. That's a big question mark, but there's a lot of optimism. What touched me is how the kids are still so innocent. They accept life the way it is," says Gonzalez.

She cites the story of Noel, 13, from Bicutan, who still has the tendency to ask neighbors if he could scrounge for trash. He wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

Pitching "Where Children Are" across the most natural thing for Gonzalez, who still has the English major, a member of a writing group headed by Cristina Hidalgo, and a published essayist in three anthologies, she is involved in several foundations related to children and education.

"It has enriched my life... The witnessing of these kids is non-judgmental. I was hoping that despite the difficulties in their lives, the beauty of the children would come out and be true."

*"Where the Children Are" is available at selected Fully Booked branches. E-mail wherethechildren@yahoo.com or call 9550844 or 955-8834*

# Peñafrancia de Manila marks 25th anniversary of canonical coronation

OUR LADY of Peñafrancia de Manila Parish in Pasay, Manila will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the canonical coronation of its patroness on Nov. 14. The Virgin was canonically crowned on Nov. 14, 1985 by Jaime Cardinal Sin in ceremonies upon the initiative of then parish priest, Fr. Alfredo Aldaba. The present parish priest, Fr. Alexander Tiongco, will lead the parish in the celebration. Time with the Lady feast drive will take place on Nov. 2.

### Novena Masses

The nine-day Novena Masses will be held from 5-13, 6 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. on 6pm on Sunday when Novena is at 5:30 p.m. and Mass is at 6 p.m. There will be a sermon, followed by free music featuring Dario Iscalde. On Nov. 1 will be the Gabi ng Parangal kay Inang Peñafrancia.

Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales will officiate in the concelebrated Mass on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. when the monument of the canonical coronation at Our Lady of Peñafrancia de Manila will take place. There will be climax during crafted tower in at 2 p.m. during which the icon of the Virgin Mary will be carried on the streets where devotees will listen in veneration. I remember photographer Ed Santiago shown yourself this event as a way of thanking Ina for her blessings to him.

### Brief history

The devotion to Our Lady of Peñafrancia was introduced to the Philippines by the Construction family, native of Spain. The image of the Virgin had been discovered by the people of Nueva on May 24, 1621. However, some documents would establish the year to be 1603. Legend says that the image was found and made in a marble where it found nestled in a fourteen tree. The existing was brought to the church of La Candelaria in San Fernando de Dilao in Paco which was then run by the Franciscans. After the installation there, the painting disappeared and was later found totally tucked in the branches of the balsamic tree at the original site where it had been found. More than three times did the Our Lady disappear, and brought to the church in vain.

On the fourth time, however, the residents decided to keep her in the same place where they had found her. They built a chapel made of small and nipa for her at the exact site where she was found.

### Nisp ki Padre' concert

Breakfast from Legazpi filled up the ICB Gymnasium to the rafters on the night of Oct. 22 to watch the "Nisp Ki Padre" concert. Produced by the Diocese of Legazpi, the concert aimed to raise funds for the building of a home for sick and aging priests of the clergy in Ilawood Bicol. Jed Madela and Rachel Ann Go, who were recently received by the big crowd.

But the real stars of the show were the "Nisp Ki Padre" of the diocese led by Fr. Mar Rivera Jr. who brought the house down with his Michael Jackson dance impersonation of the very apt theme song of the fundraiser, "They Don't Care About Us!"

The BTTS prepared by concert director Billy Flores brought laughter and tears to the eyes of the audience, as it showed the different facets of priestly life. The people

PRESIDENTS of 11 clubs of Soroptimist International of Metro Manila South East and Metro Manila South West Caucuses-Molde, Anne G. Enriquez, district director Lalay T. Chitiene, MPHFIE/CDE Delia Dolin, Gayle V. Peñalosa and Dalia B. Ortiz. Standing: Tes Gonzaga, Lala de los Santos, Abet Le, Tess Navarro, Myrlam Cruz, Cynthia Damsila and Cyd Marquez

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### Soroptimist International

Eleven presidents of the Soroptimist International (SI) Philippines Inc. recently met to discuss its signature projects such as the Adopt-a-Kindergarten, Adopt-a-PWD/ETI and Stop Trafficking of Women and Girls.

The 38 Philippine Region was awarded the Most Outstanding Region Worldwide for 2010 by the Federation of the Soroptimist International during the convention in San Francisco, California last July 10.

The organizing committee is headed by the directors of each district with the president of each club under them as members. Metro Manila South District is led by district director Anne Enriquez with its four clubs and their respective presidents: SI Espana and SI Alabang with Ching Arsenio, president; and SI Las Piñas and SI Parañaque with Anne Siapinoy.

Lalay T. Ochitiene heads the Metro Manila North East District, which is composed of seven clubs, with their presidents: SI Antipolo with Cyd Marquez; SI Edsa Pilipinto with Tess Navarro; SI Makati with Mina Casanova-Noble; SI Mandaluyong with Gigie Peñalosa; SI Ortigas and Environs with Abe Solanes; SI Nina with Myrlam Cruz; and SI San Juan with Baby Ortiz.

### Malate fiesta

Our Lady of Turumiles Parish (popularly known as Malate Church) will celebrate its fiesta on Nov. 17, with Novena Masses from Nov. 12-20, 6 p.m. Tanda Mass is on Nov. 15, 9 a.m., by Cardinal Rosales.

### Retreat for priests

The Theological Courses is holding a retreat for diocesan priests Nov. 15-18 at the Tagaytay Conference Center. Retreat preached by Fr. Daniel Bautista, OFM Conv. Open for priests. Another speaker is Fr. Francisco Arabon, Cell 09184123 or e-mail theologicalcourses@yahoo.com

### Tuni fiesta

This solemn solemn happy birthday to Ms. Theresa Dalisay who recently received a beautiful exhibit of Marian images in Harrison Plaza to mark the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Leveriza, Malate.

### Tuni fiesta

Upon Archbishop Nestor Arguelles will celebrate Mass on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Basilica of Tuni to honor the town's patron saint, St. Martin of Tours.

### SIGMA DELTA PHI FOUNDER CELEBRATES 130TH BIRTHDAY TODAY

Gloria Lucero Moncon, the only living founder of the University of the Philippines' oldest sorority celebrates her 130th birthday today coinciding with Sigma Delta Phi's 75th anniversary. The occasion will also mark the Second Dirty Go Belmonte Awards in a tribute to women leadership. All Sigma Deltaria and friends are invited to this dinner testimonial starting at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ortigas. Tickets for the fund-raising affair are available at the gate.

# Italy, Canada, Russia all in one in Cebu

THEJAH AMBASSADOR: Luca Ronaci and his lovely wife, Christine Oliveros, were in Cebu for a weekend breather. In their honor Philippe and Erlyn Dutilleul hosted a small dinner party at their home in Maria Luisa Estate Park.

Philippe recently completed his feat of duty as ambassador of the Philippines to Italy. While in Rome for over a decade, he and Erlyn collected a treasure trove of artworks. They now adorn their Cebu residence, which is quite close to that of daughter Angie and Maxime Michaels.

On this occasion it was Angie who welcomed the guests at the entrance of the manse. Her sister, Christine Dutilleul, was also here for the occasion. Among the family present were Consul of France Michel and Antoinette Dutilleul; Marguerite Dutilleul with son Christopher Garas, daughter Claudine and Mike Epaare; and David Paulsen, here from the USA to visit his mom, Angeles L. Mathieu.

Dinner was a gastronomic experience, all the more worthy of praise as the dishes had been prepared right at home. Philippe and Erlyn have brought their Italian chef wherever they've gone, and the last leaves for work duties from various parts of the world. That evening's affair remains a sweet recipe.

Among those seated with Ambassador and Alyssa Ronaci were Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama, Rep. Tom Osmeña, Cathy Yang, Jocelyn Pesquera, Bourbeal Tada, Ivanna Mendezona and Carmen Campbell.

### New Canada envoy in Cebu

The new ambassador of Canada, Christopher Thornley, presented his credentials to Presidential Aquino III on Sept. 9. Shortly after, he made his first trip to Cebu to be part of Prime Minister John Much. He spoke at the "Right to Know Forum."

While in Cebu he stayed at Mario Polo Plaza. Its highest resort were at the foyer to welcome Ambassador Thursday: GM Sven Fraser, resident manager John Much, food and beverage director Stefan Wagerich, and executive chef Luis Trigueiro who is a Canadian citizen.

The ambassador was led in the hotel's garden to see the mosaic shrine set up by a Canadian artist sculptor Thom Ayre only two in the Philippines. That was a rather brief visit for the Canadian ambassador, splendidly arranged by Honorary Consul Robert Lee and his wife, Anna.

They are more than busy these days preparing for the annual "Christmas Gathering" of Canadians and Friends of Canada, set for the evening of Dec. 2 in the grand hall of the Cebu Grand Convention Center. Of course, Ambassador Thornley has been invited.

### HP-Russia business forum

The Philippine-Russia Business Forum and Exhibition 2010 was a big success, at the Cebu International Convention Center (CICC). Praises has been expressed in heaps to Arnie Lopez Garcia, honorary consul of the Russian Federation, for organizing it, and for the large

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number of participants.

Before the opening ceremonies, a feast of Russian lore, any great Leo Tolstoy ("War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina") was unveiled in the presence of its consul-general Gregory Petrenko at CICC International Park.

During the opening program, messages were delivered by Consul Arnel Garcia, Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, Igor Semyevich, mayor of Vladivostok, and Minister Bezhanov, the new ambassador of the Russian Federation. He introduced the keynote speaker—Igor Metelitz, vice governor of St. Petersburg, sister province of Cebu.

During the business forum, first round-table discussion topics included energy, education and culture, tourism and wellness, investment facilities, trade promotion and development. Added next day were labor placement and outsourcing, and real estate development.

On the second day of the event, Governor Garcia hosted a gala dinner in honor of Vice Governor Metelitz at the Social Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building. A vaudeville playing to guests attended the entertainer the mood for the evening.

Seated with Governor Garcia and Vice Governor Igor at the presidential table were Petrosky; Arnel Garcia and lawyer Jesus Garcia Jr.; provincial board members Agnes Magpale, Nicol John Calderon and Ann Sybico; the ex-Mandaue, Leonardo Acerol general of the Philippines in St. Petersburg Cuebe and Margarita Yeung; Michel and Amparito Llorente.

Welcome remarks were delivered by Magpale, speaker pro tempore of the Cebu Provincial Board. She said St. Petersburg was a shining example on how to preserve and maintain heritage from the past. She mentioned it as that very day Cardinal Jose da Mitid had asked her and the governor to meet regarding design for some with the cultural aspects of the Cebu architecture.

Wilson Ng and his musical group, Asian Tinsikadyan, regaled the guests with their brand of music. Wilson studied piano as a child and forgot all about it. But six long ago, on a visit to Hong Kong, and in appreciation of its classical music, he was inspired to resume lessons. At this gala evening, Wilson presented his latest composition, the Philippine-Russia Friendship Song.

It was well-received and much-applauded. However, it would have been better appreciated if the sound mixer had toned down the ear-strong bass and its consequent resonance.

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| | | Nov 13 | SM City Batangas<br>SM City Cebu |
| Nov 11 | SM City Bacoor | | |

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# Shoppers invited to 'build' Christmas

By Amalio S. Tayao

A WARM HOUSE, a tree laden with gifts, a sumptuous meal in the company of family and friends—that's the picture-perfect Christmas scene. For many Pinoys, however, the picture is confined to the imagination, especially for those who have yet to experience the comfort of living in a decent home.

This holiday season, one of the country's malls giants, Ayala Malls, invites shoppers to help "build" Christmas for those in need by participating in their Yuletide campaign "Imagine." In collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Philippines, it hopes to raise enough funds to help relocate hundreds of families living in shanties along Pasig River to a memorable community in Cabuyao, Laguna, giving them a chance for homes they can truly call their own.

This is the second year Ayala Malls will be supporting HFHP's Bayanihan sa Sucdelin 7 project under the "Kapit Bisig para sa Ging Pasig" campaign. Last year, the collaboration helped raise P1 million. HFHP's National Board of Trustees member Margie Moran-Floirendo is "equally confident that [this year] we will be able to raise the same amount," if not more.

The fundraiser will be through a charity auction by Ayala Malls merchants, to be held Nov. 12, 6pm onwards at Greenbelt 5's Gallery. This will benefit the development of 1,000 houses of Bayanihan sa Southville 7's Site 2.

"We are willing to get all the help we can get from anyone willing enough to hand it," says Moran-Floirendo.

Families up for relocation will be playing an active part in the establishment of their community. HFHP requires that they provide "sweat equity" in put in a minimum number of hours to help build their respective houses.

"This is a hand-up, and not a hand-out approach," says Moran-Floirendo.

Joining the charity efforts is Pinky Pascual, whose concert—also to be held in Greenbelt 5, at the Hidden Walk—will formally open the "Imagine" Christmas campaign. With direction by Ryan Cayabyab, Pascual will serenade the audience with an all-Tagalog lineup of Christmas songs.

Other Christmas concerts will be by: Billy Crawford on Nov. 12 at Glorietta; Jay-R, Nov. 13, Manjuan Mall, Pampanga; Regine Velasquez, Nov. 20, Alabang Town Center;

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BILLY Crawford, Margie Moran-Floirendo and Pinky Pascual

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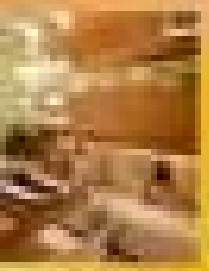

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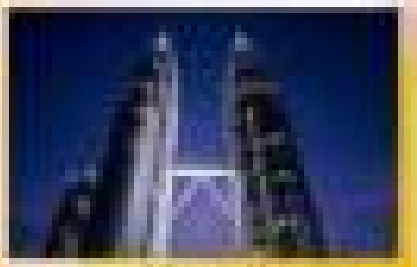

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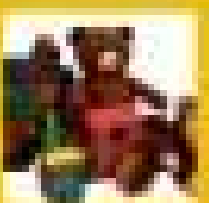

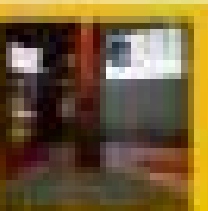


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# Evocative art at the Heart Center

THE ART GALLERY of the Philippine Heart Center is exhibiting works by Dr. Marilyn Alcantara Leung and her art mentor Mar Bengzon. The exhibit runs until Nov. 13 at the ground-floor lobby of the Medical Arts Building of PHC.

Leung is practicing cardiothoracic, a graduate of the UP College of Medicine and Columbia University, New York. Bengzon, known for his portraiture, is a graduate of the UP College of Fine Arts and taught at the same institution for five years.

Leung's collection of artworks, "A Glimpse of China," comprises scenes from different parts of China and ethnic people, mostly from the provinces of Yunnan, which she has been to four to five times. Bengzon's collection, "Visual Voice of an Impressionist," is truly evoked by portraits, flowers and landscapes.

Guests of honor at the exhibit's opening were Stella Gonzales, president of Asia-world Corp., and Robina Gokongwei-Pe, president and CEO of Robinsons's Retail Group of Companies.

FROM left: Mar Bengzon, Stella Gonzales, Dr. Marina B. Macam, Robina Gokongwei-Pe and Dr. Marilyn A. Leung

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# Shoppers invited to 'build' Christmas

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and Marvin Herrera, line 21, 7Mbps.

"Surging in line with our theme 'Imagine,' we're also put up 'The Interactive' inspired décor all over our malls," says Sonsona Tomolden, Ayala Malls Group vice president and FOOD.

Excerpts from the classic Christmas ballet will also be performed by the Steps Dance Project under the direction of Sofia Zobel-Elizalde, as well as "A Pinoy Christmas."

Other highlights: book fair and toy fair; "Storewarden" photo booths; sanctioned Christmas Serenades; Santa Claus mall visits. It is an array of festivities geared toward bringing good homes to close enrolling see this Christmas, as DFSP intends to have the 1,000 houses finished by late November.

"Imagine how it can be like for them to live in a comfortable home, instead of under a bridge or inside a tattoo room," says Mona Flores-Ledesma. "Let's make that reality."

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Relationships

# What keeps a man coming back to the woman?

## 'Feeling ko don't be all-out. Huwag mo bigay lahat sa guy'

Hayden Kho—for a change, women ask him the questions

PLAYTIME

*By the Staff*

WOMEN LIKE him, men want to be like him and guys like to take him home.

Except for the part about guys, which is perhaps a fairly accurate assumption, Hayden Kho Jr.'s effect on most men and women is a mirror of his "likability" and "effect-like qualities, based on a recent survey his business partners did to test his image in the local market.

We, one of his partners in this latest venture, apart from former multinational executive Grey Basoon, is the equally controversial Dr. Vicki Belo, Kho's off-again, on-again lover and (as some cynics insist) benefactor.

The survey has everything to do with Kho's decision to emerge from self-imposed seclusion after almost two years and several months are visitors here, to peddle a line of local perfume developed in Belo and carrying his name.

Departing from the usual format of previous Playtime interviews, Inquirer Lifestyle allowed for the first time a group of women—Kho's core constituents, if you will—to join in the questioning.

What are their thoughts about Kho, his convictions, including his supposed narcissistic tendencies, and views on other women, including a 30-something "doctor to the stars"?

The result was a lively, freewheeling and engaging discussion that revealed something about the interviewees—and perhaps women in general—as it did about Kho. It was probably the next best thing to answering phoned-in questions from the public.

Dressed in blue jeans and long-sleeved white shirt with printed collar by Manolo Ortiz, a fresh-faced Kho, who looked definitely better in person than he did in, hmm, all those videos, faced hapless Lifestyle one Saturday lunch to share his thoughts—from his past drug addiction to his relationship with Belo, including his attempts to ward off advances by their wannabes on the prowl.

"Everyone deserves a second chance," he said. "I don't really know what challenges lie ahead, but I do know that the future is promising."

Here's really tall-ish.

5'2". When I was 15, I was 5'8" and that was

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# What keeps a man coming back to the woman?

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when I started taking it, complete. Then, when I was 16, I became 6'2". Bait 12 16,. Iyan ang growth spurt!

So, what happened to your career? Bakit di mo pinagpatuloy ang laro?

For the meantime. My license was revoked. They said na after two years, I can reapply but that's for consideration na. Nagpapatuloy PBA's call para sa reconsideration sa PBC, and their recommendation was suspension but when it came to PBC, they revoked my license.

Also for malpractice. Meron kasing issue for malpractice e. Unethical behavior.

Are you confident you can get your job back?

I really don't want to think about it anymore. It's really just depressing.

How do you want to get it back?

Of course, of course. Anuphirapan naman yun. Pinaghirapan yun ng mga doctor. Maganda ang medicine ha!

How did you react nung na-revoke ang license mo?

Siempre nung na in-announce nila sa harap namin sabi, for a few days I saw my father na depressed and my mother na depressed. At sabi ko sila nagpakatatag and I really went into depression.

That's why last January, I went on a really long retreat—for four months, then I went to Arizona for another month-long retreat. Doon ko siya sila nag-spend ng birthday. That's where I got the tools to stay sober.

Hindi mawala-wala yun?

No, no, no, no.

What did you use to do before you became a celebrity? What was your routine?

Wake up every morning, eat. I go to school, study during break time, pag uwi sa bahay and go sa gym. Then after marehistro, internship, gym ng isa pang duty, isang duty. When I passed my boards, yun na. I think reading, workout, squash.

Hindi nuon?

I wake up in the morning, I meditate a bit then I go to the gym. I go straight to the office. I go home, I read. Hindi then, I meet Vicki. What I'm trying to do spiritually in is nasa, ina-find niya makakabuti e.

From long runs than, your practice?

Mindset mainly. Kaka-start ko lamang. Three years, then I went to Europe to study anti-aging medicine. Antayan ko na ang 30 ko lang siempre, kasi I joined down biz. Nagbago na.

Did you have fun in those biz?

Not a while, yes.

What about those biz did you like? Ayun! from the tourism?

I think it really finds your ego. Parang people like to see you. Kung dating ikaw pinagpapantasyahan, ngayong iba ang sila?

"Celebrity Duets"—doon ako nagsimula nung dinoor biz. Kasi at that time, meron tayong, sobrang maharam ako, before it se-sex. And then, si Pinkie, young time na in-invite ako ng GMA, sabi kasi nga sa "Celebrity Duets" ang sabi nila, ang ayaw ko yung literally 18th ako, sabi niya, "Cannot be current star. Dapat doon's have a representative so you have to go." Iba ako sabi, 'Di ko pa lang love me, 'di ka you and you'd make me fortune? Sa ok, let's do it!

And that, yes, noong nagsimula pare nakilala ko young friend ko dapat model, lalaj na introduce-ako doon sa partner na hindi dapat ako na-introduce, tapos tapang nawala-wala mga thigh ko.

Energy? What kind of drugs?

E.

Hindi nakakapagod?

Oh...Medyo nuh. I mean, the whole situation with the girl and the drug being offered.

Ano bang effect ng E?

It's actually addicting. Its the ang sa-antara ng mga ano but basically you're in ecstasy. You love everyone, you want to touch everyone. You want to give and give. Parang "What's your name? I love you!"

Was Vicki aware of this? She let it happen?

At that time, hindi. Wala siyang kaalam-alam.

Your name?

Rida, wala-alang alam. Nalaman lang nung lahat when... I tried to take my life.

Are you clean now?

Yes, yes! Dr. Tigal na since my last.

So there's now one year o time when you and Vicki were apart?

There were other ones. And then di-nalo nila ako sa basement of Makati Med. I was there all ago Christmas time. Nakitaan lang ako if they could let me out.

What was the basement like? Is it really a basement?

The basement is a basement...there are kung ano ako ko tapos nagsama kung Basement, lalong nasama ako na, feeling ginagawa doon. They gave me paper and crayons. What can I do with it? Isip ko!

What did you do with the paper and crayons?

Nagdi-drawing-di-nung. Tapos may pa-ano doon na ano, nagpapa-piano-nila.

Bawal cinaphone?

Siyempre. Sisi-screen nila, kung meron ka, sisi-screen pa-nila kung ano ng pasok ng utak, pumapasok pa-ba kung ano ng pasok ng utak, pumapasok pa-ba. Dahil to them and young mga anger nila sa akin, "Pinatawad-mo." Kung mga violence-related feelings. Siguro kung ako ng mga doon parang doon in-stick pagpasok ko ng umaga. At six in the morning! I was there. Doon nanaka. Tapos pagkatapos mo nung therapy, parang may mga ano ako na-ano mga doon, nung lang ako ng mga days.

Oh, nakatulog ka lang. Pero ang cinaphone mo kahapon mas kaibiga yourself?

Oo. Kasi no-also. Dati no also from then on.

Pero may mga mga-nasabi mo nasaktan mo lang doon noon kasi you know the damage that won't kill you, because you are a doctor.

Alam mo, I dunno na never really stuck with a middle. We never really really hung doo-hanang doon about anything. Hindi ito na nung noon. Nung nasaktan ka ng ano pala, galawan. I was hapless.

Pilosin was Vicki during all this time?

Sa buwan-buwan, hindi kasama.

Pinka-lapse noon?

Hindi. Anyone-ling nurses from Napa from the Perception light.

So, since you're not practicing, what do you do now? For work?

I just launched my perfume line.

Hindi kasi na-under sa Hunt?

Meron din. Both-kasi with another partner this guy, Greg Igenzano is Greg Bergood.

What's the inspiration behind the scent?

Gusto-yun, when my medical career was put on hold, I had to look for something that I really wanted to do. Tatlong, I joined a business venture in printing press and I found it to be really boring. And then we opened a bar in Ermita Manate, but then I decided na may away from this kind of lifestyle kasi di ko rin ipa-panin.

When I learned from that was when choosing a career, you have to do something you're really passionate about—and that would be fragrance in my case. Before, very interested na ako with fragrances, kasi ngo-ngo, I was just too busy with school and med. Hindi ako-ako ang-gagamit e.

How'd you get interested in fragrance?

I just like it. Parang ang galing galing ang. What does you wear perfume, you become confident. Parang hindi complete nung outfit mo kapag wala nung perfume, at least in my case. Also, I don't remember people.

What's your fragrance?

Isa-isa nun'Ship Dreams Spice.

This fragrance would put the focus back on you. Pa-Bangbi' you were lying low.

Well, for the meantime, it has my name on it. The name of the perfume line is Hayden. It's one whole collection—six for women, six for men, and there's a special edition. Thirteen sila lahat. The number brand is Hayden, para maramin ajong customer. Hayden Denim.

Bakit ang daming numbers?

Because I didn't want it to be a number 9 brand. Ayaw-magng celebrity brand, tulad ng Paris Hilton or Dingdong Dantes. Ganoon. In my case, the mother brand Hayden para may Apple, Glenn You and Peter Peryan-ano.

Some people see if as a liberal way of sanitizing yourself after what happened.

Some people say that, some people say good things about it. This is something I'm doing one for other people, but for myself.

For some reader for us lang, in-akin pa rin ako-ngayon, it's really nothing compared to what. For experience before. In parang ito, hanahin mo ako ng hirahin, in the long run, this is just the start. Hopefully, the product will speak for itself.

How do you plan to position it? Same as the previous perfumes we have?

We use a big gap between the local brands and the imported brands in terms of price and quality. Pag nakita mo yung mga imported brand, ngayon average 3500 to 100 ml... After the event, important brands average P2,500. So we introduced a new price category.

[In Greg Bergood.] Don't you think it's kind of risky coming after what happened?

Siyempre. There are those who are still negative, but we see that as a limited few. We did all the research required to understand it—its personality and persona on the brand. Overall, it's very positive. Our reaction to the reactions. When we did the research, we found out that what bothers people for is "nerissa like him, sana mean to be him." That's the message.

**What's a guy looking for in a woman?**

'They're looking for a beauty to please, they're looking for an adventure, and they're looking for someone, alam mo yung pagkatapos ng battle, aalagan ka. Yun lang, very basic'

GHD with Eileen Cleaj, one of the women at the Playtime lunch at Palms Country Club.

ay of the research. There's a negative but it's negligible. The positive far outweighs the negative.

And there are no legal implications with what he-did before?

Greg: So no. He said everybody knows the negative side of Hayden. But that we're unapologetic or anything, rather, he's acknowledge that and show the positive side. He was a licensed medical doctor, he represents a certain lifestyle that a lot of people aspire for. And he's a sino-pala a really nice guy. So, just because a mistake, sana we're trying to find redemption, so I think a good business is a way.

Do you plan to go international?

We, we do. We speak with a fragrance developer, and even they were recognizing the international appeal of Hayden as a brand and the way we set up the product.

We're using glass bottles, but we also have a PET—plastic bottles. Same concentration, same strength, we just placed it in a PET bottle para nun mura. Ilalagay-sa Mall-nila. We—inexplained the scent as a—we're using a—we have a—for the classic type, or wholesome, or simple. Or kung para sa very adult, meron din. Meron ng sporty. Or if you want to seduce someone, or if you want something romantic, or if you're the edgy type. For every personality ay meron sinasuot, meron, and then we have the special edition.

And this isn't like the regular products na pupuhit mo, naka-stretch wrap na plastic and then you put it on a plastic bag. We take them into the experience that where you buy a product, like box noon, so-the really beautiful box with ribbon.

The name of perfume also revard out perfume need to handle Jo-Malone. He was the creative director. He was from Paris. International team eh, para nasa Paris.

Where are you-sold?

Rustan's, SM Malls, Watsons. There are kiosks.

How long did it take you to make the perfume?

Nine months in Paris. I went there-to train. I learned how to make a perfume. The French guy Arnaud, he's the middle guy who-trained the celebrity with the perfumes to make sure the perfumes-came up with something I want. It's really an international team. He's now based-ding Yves Saint Laurent, I-I-e, Guess-ina-lima.

It's not exclusive to women and guys?

No, no. Most want to-unisex, you-hey! oil. Also mentioning-labeling nasa-ng perfume. Women are more for shimmer, mga-nakikinang-parang-ito.

How long does it last? Kasi usually dalaga-ng-ano, dapat pagkatapos mo-nasa-na.

Greg: The dosage and the formulation depends on what you want to offer-s. For cologne, mas hindi-s. Six HST, then we have to step it up. Ang pulo-gains kasi, it's very technology-driven-na the formulation we-used, we made it in such a way-so that it will really last longer.

It will stay for hours. It's really adapted to Asian skin.

Gusto-ng-mga babaeng ni Vicki? Was-yours?

Yeah. Five years. But the differences-of-we work, for Vicki as long as you-complement each other. It applies not just to-your relationships, pero sa mga final re-lationships din.

What attracted you to Vicki? Tawa-wonda.

Fun. And maturity. Ako, kasi, I'm the type-of person-who, nakakapagod-ako to be kid. Tawa-ako. Tawa-ako pinoy-ganoon. Ay May 20, 11 ng gabi na-to-ako-bun. I'd be a Gemini. Di ko ang Gemini-dual-personality-ay-may-bad?

I'm very strong-headed. Sobrang-strong-ako. When I-see-a-pain I really just-go-for-it. Ganoon-ako. Sometimes-it's-a-good-ka. But I really-need-to-be led... siyempre-young-age-bulls-ng-parang-charming-person.

I really needed-that-kind-of-maturity-from-another-person. I heard-that-from-another-girl, it's-not-really-about-the-person, it's-about-the-relationship. As long as-it-really-works, as long as-you-complement-each-other, just give-and-take. Di ba? Ito, kahit-pinoy-ako, pag-sa-ganoon, girl to girl, sa-the-end-of-the-day-kung-meron-kayo-sa-isa't-isa...

How was it like at the height of the scandal?

(Laughs) As TV or newspapers, young time na yan-medyo-terrible, painful, pa's-outside-of-ur-control-young-age-yan.

I think at the end of the day, the people who-dated-really-know-me, parang they saw-this-as-a-lesson-and-I-was-the-same-army, wife, of-course, the other girl, my mom, Vicki. So-parang, it's-just entertainment. Those-others-they-see-na, they-see-the-actual-"scene"-does-as-show-in-pinanood-nila.

Anyway, magpapalit ka-rin. At that time, I-was-really-struggling-in-Facebook, so-Twitter, as-Multiply. May mga-tao-na parang "you-know-what, I-really-like-you, maybe-we-can-be-friends." And-when-you-kiss-a-lady, may-mga-magkakaiba-ng-ano.

Well, I never went to the clubs. And-it was just really-surprising-to-parang may mga-ganoon pa-ng-babae. Pero-ang-gusto-ko-noon-ko—Facebook, Multiply, ganoon. At that time-di-pa-nagsisimula-ng-maraming-mga-young-Hayden-Kho.

Pagka-open-ako-ng-Facebook, when I was-kind-of-stable-already-and-there-were-like-7,28-Hayden-Kho-accounts-na-iba-ang-picture! Young-ibo-picture-ko-talaga. Good-thing, they-keep-ya-pala-the-username-so-I-was-able-to-recover-my-Facebook. I-only-have-Facebook-and-Twitter-[Twice.] I-think-maraming-taken-kay-Vicki.

Kailan-kayo-nagkabalikan-si-Vicki-after-that-episode? Was-she-by-your-side-all-the-time?

Uh-huh. But-of-course-nung-first-three-months, four-months, hindi-doon-nag-stay-si-Vicki. During-the-height-of-the-hearing, Monday-doon-noon. Where-I-was-at-the-basement, hindi-ako-pwede-lumabas-doon. Once-lang, ng-immediate-family.

Now, hindi-ito-ito-ano-ang-sabi-anyone?

Alam-ko-na-yung-technique. Whenever-I-see-a-beautiful-girl/woman, I-run-away-thought. Or-not-engage-in-conversation, do-not-ano-yourself-up.

What-do-you-find-physically-beautiful?

I-think-young-ngs-looks-as-ahh—-that's-none, alas-face, breasts. Waist. Sky is-warm-area-is-this-area-Quinto-to-his-to-see-thighs.

Thighs? Inner thighs?

Inner thighs.

What-do-you-want-the-inner-thighs-to-be?

(Laughs). Tender! (Laughs)

Do-you-like-mestiza-or-magsuki-ass...?

I like-magsuki... I-think-the-physical-attraction-has-long-for-in-a-woman-are-actually-long-ano-young-pero-I've-taught-ano-young-lady-to-do-the-falsies. Of course-I-want-my-baby-to-have-broad-shoulders, firm-breasts, small-waist, calf, soft-butt.

Have-you-fully-recovered?

Recovered-I-think-for-health. But-I'm-very-positive-I'll-recover, though-it-takes-time. This-is-a-process. I'm-proud-to-say-that, so-far, I'm-very-clean. Siguro-six-months-ago-I-was-so-depressed. Now-I'm-forgetting-about-the-depression. I-don't-remember-how-it-feels.

Are-you-ever-get-the-feeling-that-nobody-people-look-at-you, you-feel-like-you're-being-stripped? How-do-you-react?

(Pause) No, I-really-don't-think-people-see-me-that-way-the-e. Ang-sino-nanung, pumupunta-sa-sinah-Ako-where-they-see-me-is-'Sir, ang-sinabuti-pala-mo-sir.' Ay-pumiyak-pala-itong-tito. "Pero-wala-nung-sino-dapong-mayo-siya-ang-nakabalot-siya. Pero-siguro-young-sana-questions, "Gaanon-ngo-ba-kayo-ang-Arturo-mo-ito-ang-nakabalot-ito?" (Laughs)

Do-you-feel-like-you've-been-judged?

No-for-women-kasi, whenever-people-see-me, they-talk-to-me-and-ask-me-for-pictures. Positive. It's-really-very-positive, and-it's-given-me-a-positive-outlook.

They-ask-for-your-pictures? Na-women? And-the-girls...-probably?

Most-of-the-time. Siguro-mga-siguro-ang-mga-ano-pero-are-no-young-ladies-ask-dito-dahil, Sinalapak-niko-si-kumawasin. Nung

TURN TO E4

# Why would guys want to smell like Hayden Kho?

By Liza Gutierrez
Contributor

FOR BETTER or worse, Hayden Kho considers me his "mentor." This is because he sold the sympathetic piece I wrote about his relentless to the under of the web release of his sex-videos-gossed him to use his future from the perspective of losers who were able to turn their lives around.

Whatever his motivations were in recording his performances, he had not intended for the videos to go viral on cyberspace. His hard drive had been stolen, he said, and soon found himself being blackmailed for it. He refused to pay and soon enough, the episodes, in various video formats, would be spread like the swine flu virus all over the web.

The resulting uproar would send his life into a downward spiral. To ease the pain, he wondered—inadvertently he said—on stopping pills and would find himself in a psychiatric ward.

Catholic society had taken umbrage, denouncing alleged Hayden's sexual depravity, albeit the absence of anything remotely extraordinary in the videos. What I did find extraordinary—though not at all surprising—was the orgy of hypocrisy that ensued, the loudest howls coming from politicians, who are themselves anything but beacons of moral rectitude. The videos of the medical profession needed pills on and very Hayden of his medical license, as would the holier-than-thou commentariat.

My article then must have irk like a victim. I didn't know Hayden from Adam, but wrote that Hayden's future shouldn't be so bleak and proceeded on to cite examples of men and women who, after suffering humiliation, have managed to turn their lives around and in fact have gone on to become highly esteemed members of the community. Actually my essay was not so much to give him refuge as it was an attempt, however futile, to urge us, as a society, to look at ourselves first before casting the stones.

Nevertheless he would e-mail me a note of thanks. "From my side... made me believe I can turn this terrible situation around and come up with something praiseworthy. I'm really determined to make some form of restitution for the wrong things I've done."

He loved being a doctor, he would tell me then, but since his license had been suspended (for left then that it would) just be for only two or three years), he looked at an alternate career as an entrepreneur and enrolled at Ateneo graduate business school. He said he was doing quite well when, on his third term, the school asked him to drop out "because of the case."

Why the Ateneo would do that I cannot comprehend and leads me to question the school's core competencies and, more importantly, Catholic values. Here is Hayden Kho, a damaged bread, like Bill Clinton and Edward, what could be a better case study for repackaging and rebranding? And as the metaphysical bowl, the question is whatever happened to the Christian precept about *passing judgment*? What happened to Christ's concept of salvation?

### Redemption

But Hayden, instead of branding came yet another swindle, but taken the idea of redemption and used it as an inspiration to create a line of perfume he has recently launched. He told me about the project about two years ago. With him was Vicki Belo, his partner and "best friend."

In a reverse exchange of a smile, he told me he plunged headlong into the project after his medical license was revoked. He said the perfumes were "a second passion," after medicine. "I've always loved perfumes," he said. "I find (their) enigmatic effect on people very fascinating. I wear perfumes to complete my outfit. I wear a perfume to make a statement."

Fast is Hayden Kho, now 36, just needs to dress up to make a statement. A slender 6'2", he had, the last time I saw him, the pale, translucent complexion of a porcelain doll. His face had a trendy five o'clock shadow, and his arms (naturally lightly flowerdusted ("Abdpec hollow") on my generations used to say, not hedge-hog biceps.) He had bright-green eyes and a perfect set of dimples that existed by notches the wattage of his smile. He spoke softly but unerringly, as a doctor would.

Inclined he seems to have, as folks in medicine put it, perfect bedside manners, though lawyers and congers would rather that let be said.

He looked and does seemed to smell like fresh lavender.

Which is why I popped the question, what makes you think guys would want to smell like you?

He replied, "I have no intention of making (anyone) smell like me. Yes, I do have my intention that if others use, they might smell like me."

Wrong answer. I might as well ask him what aftershave he uses so I can get myself some. He missed the point. It was a numbing question, which rose from my gut the first time I saw the billboard selling perfumes endorsed by Bea Alonzo and Sam Willie Revillame. Why in the name of God's creatures would I want to smell like Alonzo, unless maybe I am feeling androgynous, or Revillame, unless I like to sneak people?

But having pursued (strictly for research) Hayden's perfumed videos, I, as a generic Filipino male consumer, certainly would like to find out what Hayden smells like and maybe say can what he uses to improve my

His scent could rack up sales even with women hoping that if their husbands or boyfriends can't do a good a job as Hayden purportedly does, they can at least smell like him

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# Why would . . .

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hunting message. Heck, I would like to know the brand of his deodorant, his deodorant and breath freshener what car he drives, his kind of music, the thread count of his bed sheets, and, of course, the make of his laptop.

In fact his score could rack up sales even with women hoping that if those husbands or boyfriends can't do a good a job as Hayden purportedly does, they can at least smell like him.

I am, however, just being glib. Honestly I would rather that he be doing something I think more "praiseworthy" like maybe doing handig procedures on children in the Interior lands. But I'm not about to damn celebrities in his enterprise. In fact I wish he him great success and share his blessings with the rest. It unfortunate ones among us. Then he can come up with another fragrance and call it Indolence—if someone.

TEYSHA Prince Kubbs, Armand Medha, DI Vicki Belo and Hayden Kho

# What keeps a man coming back to the woman?

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ne asks "You know Hayden, I'd buy your perfume, if you want it with me... If you romp it for me, and mmmup me, I'll buy more." Laughs)

So how do you handle the women like that?

Someone long ago. Sometimes long ako rust. Crucial time ito sa break!

Now that you're without your bi-costar, do you plan to go into show biz full time?

Show biz? No. I want something long-a-term. Ilan' nagmumukhe ko siya for a while, but I want to do things that are long-term now like fundoos, relationships, health. I want to stop doing things that are temporary and have more gratification.

So you can't take the pressure of being a celebrity?

No, no, no. Dahan-dahan lang-eha.

But now you're a celebrity, you're back in the limelight.

Well, just that night. I think that's more about the product, it's not really about me. The launch night wasn't really mine. The person will take a long time, but I'll get there.

Are you afraid that you might fall back into your old ways?

No time limits. Awo nahit up siya. Every day is a struggle. Especially seeing maple launch na. Everybody sees me differently, my psychologist was surprised, Vicki was worried. Seeing maple launch sa, the pressure was on. I might fall back into drugs again, so seeing talk to, my psychologist was there, saying in front. Everyone was making me happy. Ill advertisement mag-co.

What was the worst thing they ever did to you?

Si Mimi Maing. (Maing doesn't swear so Mich's head during a Senate hearing.)

Awo after that nasty ba? Hindi ka nanood pinaiinglagbog or anything?

Hindi ako pumi-ako-nahit para dun. (Laughs).

Did you get threats?

Well, when I was at Ateneo, I enrolled in Ateneo for MBA and nerves dun.

How is your family now?

They're really happy. They're really proud now. Nandoon sila nung launch.

Nahit mo dati ang distant ang dad mo.

Chinese c. We have our own space. He has his own care. I have mine. We never talk about those things. Even with my mom. I think my mom was so dazed for a long time. Well, my dad never shows weakness. Though I'm sure he felt humiliated. Sooner or late, and some-same-lasts.

Now there wasn't any confrontation? Pinatos-na-atilla (nosy) mo?

They let me be. They let me learn from my own mistakes. Bird ni family namin, hindi kami young, pero big family. They let me do whatever I want—except for medicine. They really let me do that. That's why seeing me as supro-modelling ako, hindi ako nakapag-model for a time except during seminars, para mabo-focus ako sa med school. Which I liked naman. I really like studying kaya right now, parttime pa-man. Hopefully it works.

So how do you know that they're okay na?

They attended my launch! My dad is always smiling naw. Full force na ang smiling ko.

Don't you find it strange that you never talked about it?

I think at that time, they just wanted me to live, to stay away from drugs. At that time, door to my suicide-hour nalilitan ako kill yourself. Kasi, that was the only time-seeing dad, pinadala kita tapos parang bigbang... It took have been so difficult for my parents, especially when they saw me na nahihirapan for three days and they were just waiting for me to wake up. Kung ako yung dad magpapatay-ako-pero at least di-suffering.

There's only one woman who completed—Kim Iris. She knew?

Yeah. But I don't want to talk about that. There's a legal case.

So why did you videotape yourself?

That is really wrong, but that is how I used to think. I like to keep memories. It's-called I write-or-my-journal-or, since I'm not a good writer, sometimes I record it in another way which is like a journal in my-vis. It's just wrong. I shouldn't have done it.

Maybe it's a form of narcissism. It's wrong, but that's how I kept the memory. Iskwan if it's a special person. It's just really for me. And I was quite narcissistic at that time, quite selfish. I wasn't thinking straight.

There are some people who say hubby-yourre-gay.

I think I've proven that wrong. (Laughs) But I think narcissism is-not a black or white thing. Like? narcissist ng sa very pogita-narcissistic, she-she long as-feels it's not like-the-person is selfish or not selfish. Maven Jing sas-sa-mas selfish than-sa-them.

In this day and age, all-world narrowing-the-world-about your eye. It's really about yourself, it's really about making your mark, and that is a form of narcissism as well. It's-no sin sa. I am imperfect, I am good.

Will Vicki be the last woman in your life?

Ah, yes. Last and lasting.

What makes a guy faithful to a girl?

Hmmm... I think it's really how you define love. And I think love is about making your partner happy and not hurting her—that's very important. Not hurting the person you love. You don't, mynk-oh'r-but-wrong I love anyone-sa-her. I'm hurting you at the same time... like having another "love" in her? So I think that's it.

When you have a husband cheating on you, when you have a wife cheating on you, that's really heavy in its painful. Mas masakit yung emotional. Kasi physically, you can forget about it, like-ouch, after 30 seconds, you don't even remember. You remember how painful it is but the emotions, that's really heavy.

I see couples-in with many women. Isn't lastly, there are a lot of broken marriages because the guy ain't getting younger so he's now looking for younger girls. Perks? It is regarding ang-asawa mo, kakalimutan mo na-ia. but na-pinawa-pa?

But going back to the girls, it happened when you said Vicki wasn't together? Or did it happen-nkwalkwasadi?

Jinhy:

So-in a-way, you have Vicki?

Yes. Admittedly.

Some guys-women are faithful-ill be?

Some guys are faithful... to many (laughs). They're faithful, three-maybe-hanap-sila ng partner and then-nagging faithful-sila-sa-hoping partner.

What keeps a man coming back to the woman?

Feeling do-don't be ill-out. (Nang-me-hugs-hold-sa-ger). Pero-meron pa-siyang-pina-pursue, something-sa-guro-siya-pero-deserves A-guy, tulo-lang-no-man-young-humbong-no-no.

They're looking for a beauty to please, they're looking for an adventure, and they're looking for someone, short-no-young-pagkatapos-ng-bata, nalagpas-ka-bal-ling, ewy-bash.

Alluranty-to-partway.

Kaya-parehasan, may-mga-babae-na-ang-hinahanap-na, ang-nauuubog-ill-out-dapped-saya, parang "Yeah," Makaka-ko-ne-e. Gano-nila-may-chal-lenge-sa-kanya-ang-mala-bastos-nang-girl-sa-challenge. And I think-your-nurturing-sa-babae-s... A woman-wants-to-feel-loved, may-nagsasabi-sa-kanila-na-mga-ganda-nila. They-also-want-to-share-in-the-adventures-with-the-guy.

There, if the-guy-always, get-beautiful. Go-to-Salo. (Laughs) Don't-get-mad, get-beautiful! Go-to-Bako!

So, is there a Vicki-Hayden-video? No-laughs.

What happens when a little girl, with a big imagination falls asleep under a Christmas tree?...

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FASHION IN 2015 this Christmas season. So many new shops are opening just in time for the holidays. Many retail stores have already launched their holiday collections, often in her jeweled colors and designs.

Talented fashion designer Oliver Tolentino recently opened his retail outlet in Makati in time to his loyal clients. The LA-based designer got his muses, Madame Imelda Marcos, Kuh Ledesma and me, to be his guests of honor.

The intimate opening included a mini-fashion show with some guests (and by Hollywood) celebrities. His shop on Mel. rose Avenue in West Hollywood is quite busy with LA fashionistas.

Oliver has become a big name in Hollywood with his unique designs using beautiful fabrics. My long-time friend Friday Amadeo first introduced me to him when he still had his shop in San Lorenzo Village.

Since he is shuttling back and forth between LA and Manila, Oliver opened his Makati shop to be able to display his collection and, at the same time, accept made-to-order pieces. Check out his shop at Unit 1, The Colonnade Residences, 132 Legaspi St. cor C. Palanca St. (Legaspi Village, Makati), or online at www.olivertolentino.com.

### Randy Ortiz's collection

On the same day, another talented fashion designer, Randy Ortiz, launched his limited-edition collection for Kashieva, a women's retail shop of the Ayala Group. The size-inclusive event, Fashion Licks, was held at Gallery Greenbelt 5.

Randy's collection was inspired by the legendary designer, Madame Grès, who is famous for her fluid fabrics' cut on the bias and elegant draping often made from one continuous piece of cloth.

Using all the colors of the rainbow and several shades of grey, Randy presented sensitive pretty dresses that looked perfect for women of any size. The flattering designs looked slimming and so comfortable to wear. Fashion image model Lucy Torres-Gomez did the finale, and pretty stars Iza Ahmzon and Georgina Wilson were also present to add.

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# Gifts and gems, jeweled dresses, charity balls—yep, it's Christmas!

BASHBECA designer Randy Dela with his muse, Lucy Torres-Gomez

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lots of glamour to the affair.

For young ladies looking for a fashion designer that can make a gorgeous Christmas dress, try our amazingly talented Sassa Simmons. Her fashions seem to be fresh and feminine; she makes you feel so pretty in her creations.

At the First of Dec charity ball, Sassa made some dresses for my two girls, Annika and Athena. I am excited to see what she will create for me for the Swedish Christmas event later this month.

Sassa recently showed her capsule collection of 11 wedding dresses at Members Only. As part of The Other Fashion Series, Sassa called her collection Annabelle, after her mom, whose favorite color is white.

Every piece was a gown or dress versatile enough to wear to casual or formal events, even as a honeymoon wedding gown. Mega magazine also sponsored the event. Check out Sassa's new shop at 2054 E. Rodriguez, San Miguel Village, Makati.

## Jewelry exhibit

For wonderful gift ideas for friends who have everything, Perla has unique items for the home and jewelry pieces that are simply my faves. Together with Ayala Malls, Mont B. Chocolate and Elephantito Zaldivar's Modern Epicurean Kitchen, Perla is proudly launched Tribal Release as a cocktail party at Greenbelt 3.

The exhibit featured the jewelry of designers Kristina Dee, Modernflow Bypass and Paul Syjuco. They used the idea of renewable luxury, creating chic jewelry out of reclaimed metals or components.

Modernflow's sculptural pieces were made purely from reclaimed and surplus industrial materials. Paul explored active shapes and confluence while applying textures textured finishes. There was also his signature infusion of colored stones and diamonds in pieces that incorporated reclaimed and recycled precious metals.

GREETING he-tea-GR Bali Trip Lucena, Fern-Gro, Sea Princess, Angel Rapino and Kaye Tingo

Kristina, on the other hand, concentrated flowing forms and sinuous...earrings converting into pendants or necklaces, for instance. Her collection echoed her focus on sustainability and creating uniquely functional jewelry that remains relevant regardless of seasons.

Perla is also launching the latest creations of designer Bea Valdes, who has put together a rare collection for Perla. The Duchess of Silk is a private exhibit on Nov. 11 at its shop in Greenbelt 5. Sponsors of the event are HSBC Premier, Mint, Residente Pia y Damian and Ayala Malls. I am looking forward to seeing Bea's masterpieces.

Another shop to consider for Pam appeared in Megan. It recently hosted a fashionable event in search of the next Dragon model. The Dragon Window Manila

BASHOT Orvie's Bashbeca Luxe collection

INTERNATIONAL fashion designer Dhear Talentino entrusts Madame Imelda Marcos and Kali Lobrinio

BEAUTIFUL mother and daughter Kali and Isabella Lobrinio

GORGEOUS Lauren, Joyce Oreta and Eva Orbeso

GAWAD Kalinga first couple Rose Mabini-Pilli and Dylan Pilli

HANDSOME young pair Pil Dee and Ben Santiago

GORGEOUS ladies


GAWAD Kalinga Hope Ball chair Bobi Bobis, Sea Princess, Sona Mabini and Pinky Antonio


GAWAD Sen. Lilay Villafuerte and lovely wife Lara with Sea Princess and Empire Templates


GAWAD Kalinga Hope Ball chair Bobi Bobis, Sea Princess, Sona Mabini and Pinky Antonio

GAWAD ECA winner Ben Chan

LOVELY ladies Mini Guarino and Dr. Shaira Bilog

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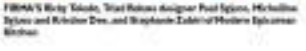
FEATURED designer Sassa Simmons between Sea Princess and Kai Lim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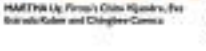
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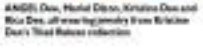
ANGEL Dee, Muriel Dizon, Kristina Dee and Rica Dee...all wear top jewelry from Kristine Dee's Tribal Release collection

# Extradite, excommunicate, exfoliate

By Dulce V. Arteaga
Contributor

I REMEMBER! I always joked when I read about a woman who was throwing her garbage—so garbage bags then, just throw no-wrap food, drinks, used toilet paper and feminine pads plus dog poo. The garbage the women saw included a dead newborn.

Let me tell you a story.

Once upon a time, Forbes magazine published the best countries to live in because of the ratio the government gives it citizens, which expanded into the citizen's quality of life.

The country which was No. 2, of No. 3 was Norway.

I had a chance to live in Norway for a while. Its population is the population of the metro Metro Manila only. The Royal family is quiet and the Parliament and the Prime Minister run the country.

You cannot imagine the citizens' government assistance to all stages of life. If you give birth, the mother has a three-month leave and the father about a month-long leave. Thus, they both learn how to take care of their babies. While you walk through fewer paths or ride streets, you see men pushing strollers or changing diapers.

Hospital, doctors' visits and medicines are all free.

All at once I was found anemic so my gynecologist asked me to get confined at the hospital. I just had my handbag and a change of clothes for one night. I returned to the nurses' station, where they checked my vitals and my budget. Found it, and I was given a private room with a bed to lay on for immediate blood transfusion.

The next day, I was given a full gynecological exam by my doctor to make sure my uterine lining was not bleeding. I was given another week's rest. But I still had to return to my room for another bag for blood transfusion. Okay.

Then I was told I was well enough and that I could go home soon. I got my handbag (with my change of clothes still unused), and went to the nurses' station to register my name, no payment.

I literally walked in and out of the free print. All for free.

Medicines? Yes, just gather your prescription, go to a government agency and they reimburse your medicine bills.

Retirement? Oh, everyone looks forward to that! You don't lose your house and you are given allowances bigger than the salaries you were making before you turned your title.

## Opportunities

*What's my point?*

Anthropologists and sociologists have put inquiries on equation: The lesser the population of a country, the better opportunities for its citizens.

Population control is not only about birth control. It's about lessening our Philippine population so we don't have to send our parents as OFWs and break family ties.

It means that there will be more jobs

**The first celebrity I know who got excommunicated from the Catholic Church was… Jackie Kennedy**

for a country that is not overflowing. Thus, and best don't have to leave their children to take care of other children in SOL.

It means that people in the provinces are being given the money saved from Metro Manila for livelihoods for their crops to grow abundantly which they can now sell on a better price. It means that population control all over the Philippines will mean that each city should be able to manage its budget to give everyone work.

And the government can give better social security and other benefits better than what we have now.

And everyone gets the chance to go up the ladder.

## Going up the ladder

Which my daddy did in the 1930s when population numbers were at its best (till the '50s). He was a poor, bukid-mountain, resident and then he found work, was able to get himself through law at the University of the Philippines and topped the 1935 Bar. Masion was No. 1, Reed 4, Araneta was No. 9.

It is hardly possible to do that at this time.

Giving out condoms and saying the pill is not abortion (the murder of babies growing in the womb), is my opinion.

Condoms and the pill stop the male sperm from fertilizing the female egg so that a baby is not formed. Hence, there is no murder of babies.

Now, let me illustrate a scenario: my 19-year-old girl-helper was knocked up by her boyfriend who marks here. She was so happy, too? We don't provide our adolescents from the provinces any subsidiaries because they cannot afford it. Their dreams end after high school as marrying and getting pregnant are the ultimate state of their lives.

But now she lives in Bicol (with her parents, of course) and the man lives in Manila. Bye, figure that out.

If they both know about the consequences of their sexual intercourse, without protection, they may have got on a choice: get pregnant or not, outside marriages in the Catholic Church.

In Norway, without a shotgun and a no-big deal thing, students can go in their school clinic and get either condoms or the pill. No questions. Provides unlimited sex to teens? That's a new dissertation.

## Jackie Kennedy

The first celebrity I know who got excommunicated from the Catholic Church was… Jackie Kennedy. Her sin? She married a divorced man, Aristotle Onassis. She didn't mind. And her children even moved practicing the Catholic faith.

My problem about excommunication is that it judges who are good or not for its communication just means not being able to partake of the symbols of the Catholic Church: no Holy Communion, no confession via priest, no blessing upon death.

That's my problem. They are remain written by man, not by God.

Can't I talk with my God, Jesus Christ with my heart, night or day, weep and plead with Him? Can't I get grace, mercy and guidance from Him for forgiveness, assisting the education contents and just plain talking to Him about what I think about some Bible passages?

My God is in me. I don't need so be blessed when I die, if I am excommunicated, because God has given me free will. Jesus blessing Himself. He has carried me to His arms, like a baby, whispering: You are home, now.

So, you may excommunicate, extradite or exhumate the President.

But you cannot cut his relationship with God.

So one can.

# Should she wait for marriage-phobic boyfriend?

DEAR EMILY,

I have a fiancé who has proposed twice to me already. However, every time we plan the wedding date, he backs out and calls off the wedding.

His reason is always money—that there's not enough for a grand wedding, although I've told him I only want a simple one. Also, a civil wedding is enough for me. But he comes up with so many excuses, like there's not enough for this or for that.

Finally, when I confronted him, he said he didn't want to get married yet. At 36? And he's serious about it.

I am 28 and I don't want to force him to do something he doesn't want to. I love him dearly, but I don't want to waste my time waiting for nothing. We've been together for almost five years now. I have invested a lot into his business, and the house is already built, for which I have contributed as well.

Should I be go or hang on and wait for him some more?—JV

*Answer:*

Is leaving someone, as you say you are with your boyfriend, an investment, much like stocks and bonds or a savings account in the bank where you expect dividends? Isn't loving someone giving your all with no strings attached?

Probably not in your case. I must be referring to the not-right zone.

You've invested a lot into this relationship, you say. You've even helped in his business. It's obvious that is already built. So what the hell is he still wanting for, you ask yourself. One reason I can think of is—he's not all that into you.

After five years of being together and doing all these stuff that should spell commitment, you'd clearly conclude that the only missing component in this relationship is "The Wedding". Surely he himself must have been adding ons plus one equals two—but maybe not?

How's your mind and how your relationship has been going on all these years? Are you happy together? Do you ever talk about your feelings—not just about money and plywood and doorknobs? Really talking?

Are you resentful toward each other and do spur-of-the-moment activities for no reason at all? Do you enjoy home and sell each other jokes? Is tandem smoking…not common with you—common to the two of you? Do you look at each other and feel happy with what you both are?

Don't base your brains on the investments you've made here. You can recoup the money you've put in the house in 26, consider the time you wasted on him a wasted on life. What you must consider seriously now is if this guy is worth it or not. If he will be there for the long haul with you.

But, if he is already taking you for a ride this early, if he looks at you and you are no joy in his eyes, if you find no excitement in this relationship—other than sex or waiting for that marriage proposal—then, it isn't worth it.

Being in a relationship should always make the people in it happy and set aspirations of doubt-ridden. If all it's bringing you is worry and finger-wringing, then—adios and I say. You are old enough. You be the judge.

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# The 'neighbor' and the 'stranger'

"THEY CALLED each other 'neighbor' and 'stranger,' but we should never call which one was which."

My best friend, Jeff, shared this bit of family history as we sat side by side at his mother's wake last weekend.

The writer in me wondered what the story behind each set-to-destruction might be and who he went the two was the neighbor.

Debbie Byrne had spent the last 20 years of her life battling Alzheimer's until, at 66, she had gone Home to join her Donald who had passed on 25 years ago.

I had met both Jeff and his sister Karen over my devoted to their mother. Jeff, who flies for an American airline, would time home each month to spend time with her even for just a few days. Karen, who lived with her husband and son beside her mother's townhouse, took care of her mother's daily needs, with the help of an evening nurse.

Modern medicine has made it possible for our parents to live longer than ever. In the US, adults over the age 80 are becoming the largest demographic which then puts the responsibility of care upon their baby boomer children.

The *New York Times* has developed a new term, The New-Old Age, denoted to the increasing population; the NY Times calls it "an unprecedented period in human history."

Unlike the US, we have big extended families and never in our wildest dreams would we even think of placing our elderly parents in a home.

My heart breaks for all the kids and kins I have seen in the home for the aged in Manila. Instead of being surrounded by family, they find solace in not more than visitors in the same boat. I suppose that is a better alternative too, than living left on to die alone.

Dementia and Alzheimer's are difficult illnesses to live through, and even if there is no cure, it is still very important to get an early diagnosis.

"The Alzheimer's Action Plan" is an excellent book on the first diagnosis and treatment plan for Alzheimer's patients. It was co-written by Dr. P. Murali Doraiswamy prominent researcher of the aging brain at Duke University Lisa Gwyther, a social worker who directs the Alzheimer's Support Program at Duke; and Hans Selhub, a computer genius.

"Studies suggest that people who start treatment early usually remain better off than those who start treatment months or

*Cathy Kubota*
*Cubadia*

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er," the books says.

Usually one can go either to a geriatric specialist. There are a number in Manila and other big cities. Or one can google parameters or recordings if you suspect that you or a loved one may have dementia or Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Disease Association of the Philippines (ADAP)—http://www.adaphilippines.com/ was founded in 2000 to provide support to families.

I have seen how dementia or Alzheimer's can take its toll on family's resources—emotionally, financially, physically.

I'm sure that best able to cope are families where there is open communication, unconditional love and support, and tolerance of each other's shortcomings, and an appreciation of each member's strengths. Sharing the burden lessens the stress.

Sometimes the journey is long and taxing, as Jeff would tell me. One doesn't feel regret knowing that one has given one's all to the loved one suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's.

I went to return Tita Debbi's phone to Jeff and hurriedly swapped those in recycled hand paper.

I climbed to see what was written on the sheet. I could not help but smile. It was the story of an 80-year-old man who was losing his memory. He would be found by doctor (in search) by an old and without clothes. He would try to go and visit his wife at the home so that they could have breakfast together. The doctor asked him why he was in such a hurry and if she would be expect if he was late.

The elderly man told his doctor that his wife had Alzheimer's and that she no longer knew who he was. "The hasn't recognized me in five years," he said.

So his doctor asked him why he still made an effort to go and see her every morning even though she no longer remembered who he was. The man said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

As I handed over the paper to Jeff for him to read, one of the answers (the one you see on this page) slipped out. I picked up the photograph of a lovely Tita Debbi at age 35 and turned it over. On the back, she had scribbled: "14 February 1965: Do I look like a woman in love, sweetheart? Will love, Neighbor."

Despite a failing memory she remains the same, all the way to the very end.

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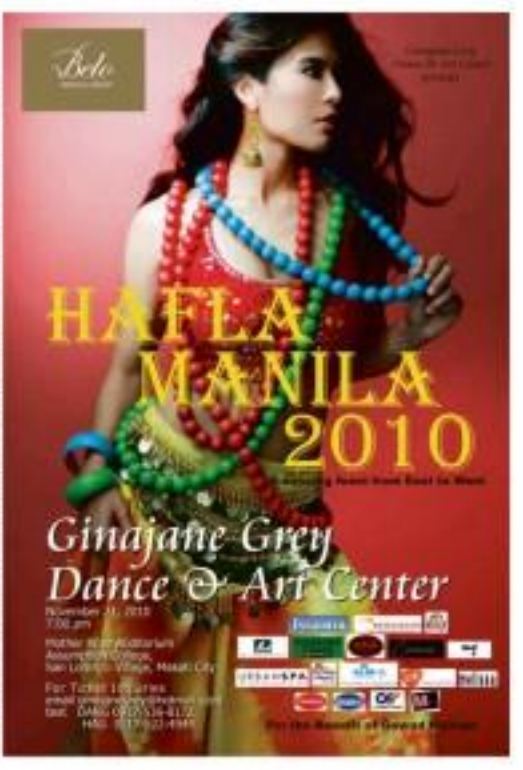

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# Pet Stop

Where humans and animals meet

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2. Do you read and understand the labels and ingredients?
3. Does the food label contain the words "AAFCO complete and balanced"?
4. Is there a good quality protein source that is named specifically, such as "chicken", "salmon", "veal", etc., rather than just "meat"?
5. Do the ingredients contain good-quality whole grains and are free of bulk fillers such as corn, wheat, gluten, soybean, and peanut hulls, which have absolutely no nutritional value?
6. Do the ingredients contain vitamin and mineral additives such as Vitamin C or E, and naturally-derived nutrient sources such as fruits and vegetables?
7. Is the food free of artificial sweeteners, artificial flavors, or carcinogenic preservatives?
8. Are the ingredients free of by-products or is the meat not rendered? Note: Rendering is the process in which by-products (excess animal parts unfit for human consumption such as bones, heads, feet, toenails, hair or feathers, hooves, stomach, or bowels, etc.) are sent off to be processed and made into pet food.

If you answered "YES" to all eight questions, then congratulations! Your baby is on a healthy nutritious diet and will surely live a long and happy life with you.

*Note: When feeding your baby, make sure a good supply of clean, fresh water is always available. When selecting food and treats, make sure you read the ingredients carefully. Any mentioned ingredients in top-quality food are: natural, premium meat sources, [illegible]

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LEAVES show off autumn colors in Boston, the city of the author's affections.

A STROLL by the banks of the Charles River is an energizing experience.

# Beautiful homecoming in Boston

By Antonio M. Claparols
*Contributor*

RETURNING TO Boston is like going home, and my love for it has only grown stronger with the passing of time. I went to college in this great city that has captivated many, including Lebanese poet Kahlil Gibran, who made it his home.

In the fall, Boston's landscape is one of the most beautiful on earth—the trees turning to a rainbow colors brighter than the sun, with brilliant shades of red, brown and yellow.

But this season is now called Hell Fury as hurricane after hurricane has been visiting and ravaging the Atlantic seaboard. And the Midwest has experienced the most severe tornadoes in years, as well as storms bringing snow and sleet, causing much damage and destruction.

The effects of global warming are being felt in Boston and many other parts of the continental United States.

At the same time, typhoons are ravaging the tropics just when the COP 10 negotiators in Nagoya have concluded without concrete binding agreements on how to halt biodiversity loss and mitigate climate change.

How many more storms are needed for governments to realize that the planet's weather system has been infinitely abused by humankind's greed, wasteful consumption, polluting practices, and business as usual attitudes?

But strolling by the banks of Boston's Charles River is good for recharging one's energies. The river mesmerizes with its natural beauty and cleanliness. Watching the boats and the students jogging along its banks helps one shed away stresses and cares.

Indeed, there is something rejuvenating about Charles River, the city of Boston and its people that makes one appreciate life.

**We can't allow climate change to destroy Boston and all its charms. In this brief and beautiful homecoming, we must find in Boston the strength and the resolve to protect the planet.**

*The author is the president of the Ecological Society of the Philippines.*

## *Down-home Manny*

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA—Anyone got a glimpse of the real Manny Pacquiao during a choreographed press conference in Santa Monica, California, where Nike launched its new products bearing the rival shoe brand's trademark.

Earlier in the day he had a punishing 12-round sparring session with boxers the size of his bigger opponent, the Mexican Antonio Margarito. It was just dismissive and apparently he had not eaten anything substantial.

Still he gamely answered the questions the journalists were throwing at him. Then somebody apparently one of his handlers, yelled for lead to go ("Gatorade! yun," one said) and they started shoving the reporters away.

Then an overeager shaky-offered him an energy bar. Pacquiao teased him a scolding look and blurted, "Laying to ba? Ahaw no. Inuwat 'yun."

Then, again ignoring his handlers, he turned to sign his full name, adding Parman in quotes, on a shirt a member of the PR media had bought from the Nike store earlier in the hope of getting an autograph.

"We could have seen himself in my pleading face," the marksmen said, referring to the time when the boxer had to scrounge for food. "I don't think he'll ever forget where he came from."

Lilit Gutierrez

**JESSA IV.** Escoda, a 6-year-old Manny Pacquiao fan from San Francisco, California, shows off the T-shirt offered by Nike at its new store in Santa Monica, California.

RADISSON Blu Resorts Cebu City, operated by Carlson Hotels and MI Hotels and Conventions Corp., is near SM City Cebu and other tourist spots.

# Queen City's newest royal haven

RADISSON Blu has 400 well-appointed rooms—and you could go "Business Class" for ultimate comfort.

GENERAL manager Grant Sackin says while Radisson is a business hotel, it is also a choice venue for weddings and parties.

By Irene C. Perez

CEBU HAS many things to be proud of, the sites, the beaches, the inches, and the homegrown industries and now, the "it" destination for corporate and social affairs—Radisson Blu Hotel.

"It is a very progressive city, apart from great tourist spots, there are a lot of businesses, hubs and centers to outlet manufacturing," said general manager Grant Gadkin.

The city's rapid progress has called for an upscale hotel, thus the establishment of Radisson Blu, one of the biggest hotels in the Queen City of the South. It is the first brand of the international chain in Asia, others are in the United States, United Kingdom and Africa. In the Philippines, Radisson Blu, on Serging Osmeña Boulevard cor. Juan Luna Ave., Cebu City, is operated by the US-based Carlson global travel company and MI Hotels and Conventions Corp.

But why not put it up in Manila, instead?

"There are huge Cebu-Manila businesses and we feel there is a need for observer place in the south for them to stay in. Since Cebu is progressive, there should be a special hotel that would be as par with it...for bigger conventions, events, parties.

Gadkin, who is based in New Zealand, has great things to say about Cebu, where he had been staying for a while. "Cebu is very tourist and foreigner-friendly," he said. "I get onto a cab and I feel safe."

Of course, he got to try out the famous Cebu lechon. "I love the *Zubuchon* in Cebu before (much). It has crispy skin and tender meat....as side and satisfying. I didn't have a hard time adjusting to Cebuano or Filipino food. I eat everything!" he said, laughing.

He also had a look at Cebuano furniture pieces which he described as "made with good local materials and are of best quality."

Those can be found all over Radisson Blu. "The hotel interior has clean straight lines, nothing too fussy. There are wood-work coverings, drapes and modern oil panel details. Furniture services from local suppliers like Mobilia and Fil Veneer; beds are from Dewfoam."

### Business-class package

Radisson has 400 rooms, all units have high-speed internet access, 37-inch flat-screen LCD TV, iPod docks and laptop-size electronic safes. For those who prefer ultimate comfort, the Business Class room package includes the following perks: use of lounge with complimentary breakfast, stay in the lounge morning room, express check-in and check-out services, in-room coffee machine, complimentary pressing of garments and daily cocktails at The Lobby bar.

A fully equipped fitness center and spa is available for all guests. Baby-sitting services is called to keep parents busy.

While Radisson Blu is primarily a business hotel, said Gadkin, people also stay here for some R&R. "The mall is right beside (SM City Cebu, the largest mall in the region which houses a Duty Free area, where they could go shopping. It is also accessible to and from tourist spots like Magellan's Cross, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño and Cebu Cathedral."

Since its opening on September, Radisson Blu has been booked for graduations, birthdays, social functions and weddings. There Chinese weddings are scheduled this year, said Gadkin.

### Wedding venue

Perfect for milestone celebrations is the Arena Manila Grand Ballroom; spacious and pillar-free with an eight-meter-high ceiling, it can seat up to 1,200 guests, and has a pre-function area for technical concerns and holding rooms for VIPs. Another choice is the Nina Ballroom which seats 650. Both venues are equipped with air-cooling system of LCD with drop-down screen.

For smaller groups of 10-80, there are 10 rooms named after Spanish galleons that open up to a small island called Cavan Isleska.

In-house restaurant Feria serves all-day buffet featuring Asian, Mediterranean and Japanese cuisine, complete with cold seafood and dessert stations. The Pool grill serves favorites like meat and seafood, as you lounge and take a dip.

"Aside from promoting tourism and Cebu as city, Radisson also helps Cebuanos by providing employment in the hotel," said Mary Jean T. Tanate, assistant director for marketing.

*E-mail* reservations.cebu@radisson.com *or visit* www.radissonblu.com.

"THE HOTEL interior has clean straight lines, nothing too fussy," says Gadkin.

RADISSON is the newest addition to Cebu's upscale hotels, amazing to the province's progress.

Furniture is sourced from Cebu-based suppliers such as Mobilia, Fil Veneer, Dewfoam

RADISSON Blu promotes Cebu as tourist and shopping destination, says Jean C. Ocasio, assistant director for marketing.

DINING area

## Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo

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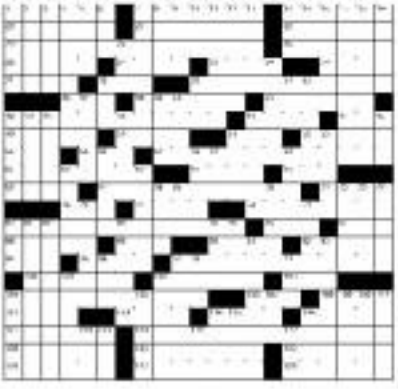

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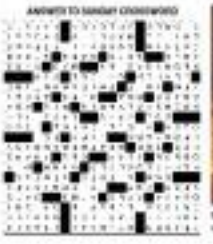

## A Thousand Stars, A Thousand Lights:

# Ayala Triangle Gardens Light Up for Christmas

A spectacle of color outlined the Ayala Triangle Garden

Taking its cue from the well received Symphony of Lights show that was launched by Ayala Land in 2009 at the Ayala Triangle Gardens, the much awaited show will once again fill Makati with the spirit of Christmas through their event, entitled Christmas at the Gardens featuring Parol!

From November 17 to December 23, the Ayala Triangle Gardens will feature a series of Christmas events. Promising to be more impressive and mesmerizing than last year's show, The Symphony of Parols, the lights and sound spectacle will showcase its whimsical, imaginative, and delightful best. The show was created by multi-awarded light designer Voltaire de Jesus and award-winning sound designer Jethro Joaquin.

This year, The Symphony of Parols integrates lights and sound design with its surroundings. The show will continue to inspire awe and wonder as LED Parols and lasers are added to an array of intelligent lights and LED lights in vivid colors. Shows will run weekdays from November 17 to December 23, every half hour from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, with special weekend shows on the 18th and 19th of December. Simultaneous with the opening of the light show on November 17 will be the formal launch of the Restaurants at the Ayala Triangle Gardens with 12 restaurants.

Ayala Triangle Gardens lights and sound show in 2009 showcasing parolean lights display

The landscape of the gardens was elevated by a canopy of lights

A series of other events are also lined up at the Gardens this season. On December 1-3 and 6-10, visitors will be entertained by an Inter-School Christmas Caroling Contest. On December 1 and 8, there will be free outdoor concerts. Finally, on December 18 to 23 all 6pm, Simbang Gabi masses will be held.

Ayala Triangle Gardens, a space where you can breathe, stroll, enjoy a sumptuous treat and revel at the sight of the great outdoors. The Ayala Triangle Gardens is truly the ultimate urban oasis. And as the nippy air of the season begins to swirl about on cool evenings, it's time to catch the Christmas at the Gardens and give thanks for the blessings 2010 has brought.

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While these capture the shoe sensibilities of the moment, these are also crafted with the outstanding workmanship Parisian has been known for – a careful attention to detailing and a thorough consideration for comfort and functionality. The collection will be available at the Ladies and Teens Shoes Departments of selected SM Department Stores nationwide.

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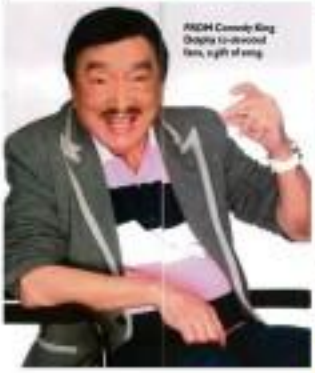

## For Pidol, 2 firsts: a Presidential award and his own 'plaka'

By Pinoko Concepcion

"THIS is my records (memories) for everyone who loves me," said Dolphy, holding a copy of his newly released CD, "Matching at Pidol."

The 82-year-old actor—who will be conferred The Order of the Golden Heart, a presidential lifetime achievement award, in Malacañang tomorrow—never imagined having his own "plaka" (record). The idea was first broached to him more than a year ago by Polyfluet executives, through Dolphy's long-time partner, Dolores Padilla, who is on the label's roster of artists.

Recording took a slow pace because Dolphy constricted pneumonia. But he was apparently buoyed by the thought that this was another milestone in his long, storied career.

On Thursday afternoon, Polyfluet execs excitedly visited their new talent to give him the first few copies of the CD.

The buyoncos, along with a music channel TV crew, was there, too, for Dolphy's first interview for the album.

As he gazed at the cover, with a revolving inset of his mug shots in various funny poses, Dolphy turned nostalgic. He remembered nights when he played records of his music idols.

### A big part

"I listened a lot to Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra," Dolphy told the buyoncos.

It's no coincidence that music continues to play a big part in the life of the comedy king. After all, he started out as a dancer in vaudeville shows. When he became a screen actor, [illegible]

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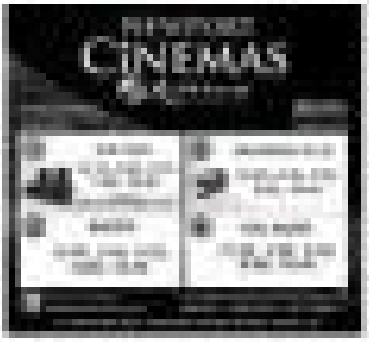

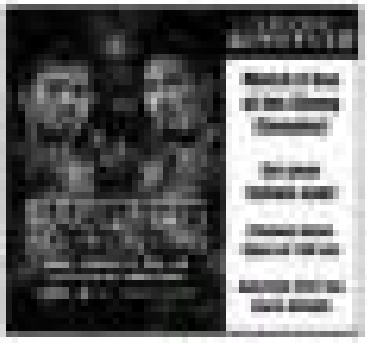

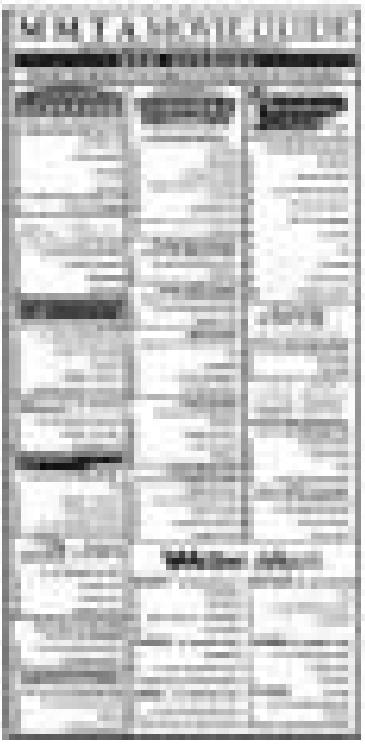

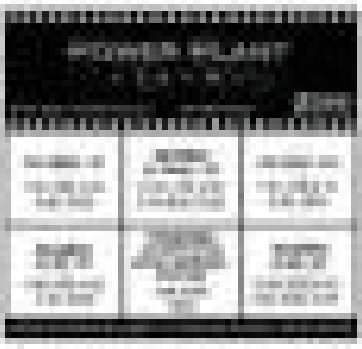

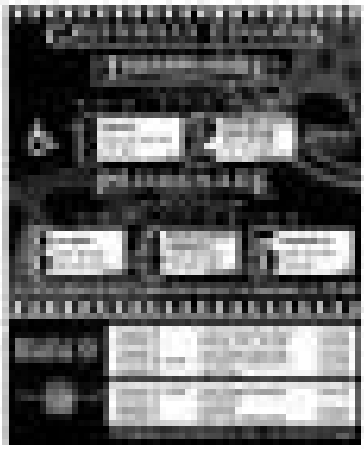

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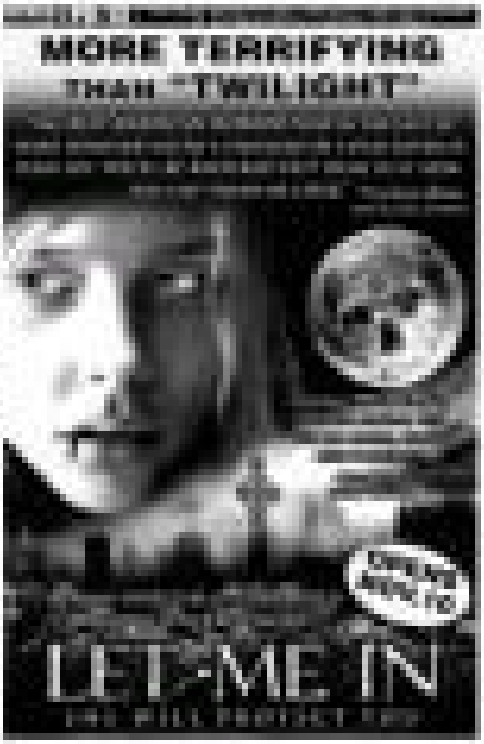

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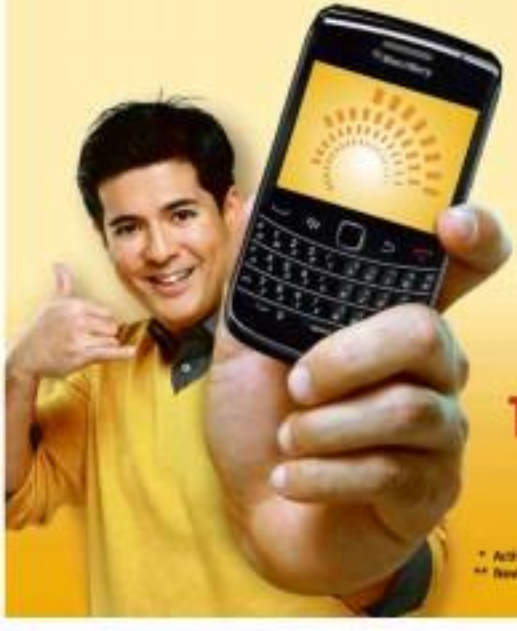

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**A JOKE! NOT!**
Pinoy and ABS-CBN president Charo Santos-Concio and network stars and CEO Gabby Lopez enjoy viewing the station's new On-Screen ID during the dedication ceremonies of the Eugenio Lopez Jr. Communication Center within the ABS-CBN Compound on Mother Ignacia Avenue, Quezon City.

**HUGH LAURIE:** "I don't think I have any sort of particular wildness."

# 'House' is no Charlie

LOS ANGELES—"I am no Charlie Sheen," Hugh Laurie jocularly confided (but he had just told them via videoconferencing) as soon as those words came out of his mouth.

"Oh, no," said the actor who plays the TV series "House." "I'm sure Charlie Sheen is a delightful fellow. I wish him all the best."

What made Hugh refer to Charlie, who was in the news recently for repeatedly trashing his hotel room in a violent, drunken rage, which his publicist blamed on an allergic reaction to medication? Hugh, blessed with self-deprecating British wit, was asked in an interview in the Peninsula Hotel if he had a wild side. "I don't think I have any sort of particular wildness," he replied and then remembered his headline. Casually dressed, Hugh dropped by at the hotel for this chat before repairing to the set of his hit show.

In the guy who plays cynical, curmudgeonly Dr. Gregory House has never been caught nude and throwing bibles and chairs around a hotel room? "No, I have not lost it mid-run dream," Hugh dished, his trademark bug eyes rolling.

"On stage, I suppose I can get lost," the actor-musician told. "In the moment of performing either music or when I'm acting, I can be overtaken by a slightly wilder side. I don't get into fights or anything. I don't trash the place. I'm basically English and well behaved for the most part but then again, if I wasn't, would I turn up to a tight one? I don't know."

Asked for his take on the words "Love Sucks" on the lollipop that he is holding in the poster for the new season of "House," the Eton College and University of Cambridge-educated actor replied, "If they wanted to say 'Love is Gone, photos!' you couldn't fit it on the lollipop. You'd need a much bigger lollipop than that."

(In his new season on the series with Lisa Edelstein, Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Hugh said, "First of all, he was made it clear that I did not make out with Lisa. It was in an honest and righteous piece of filming. It's a difficult and awkward thing to represent physical affection on camera. I find it hard enough in real life but to do it in front of 200 people in jeans is very taxing. But hopefully Lisa and I know each other very well.

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# Hugh Laurie: I am no Charlie Sheen

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We've got on very well over the six or seven years that we've been doing this show."

"This is a strange proposition for me to be summing the role of a cartoon-brained hotshot man who puts the girl," he understated. "It's not mine. For once pic-tured myself but accidentally had to step up, so I did a couple of pickups and finished in, I think, three. Fortunately, Lisa is very easy on the eye so we saw lotta more on her silly gorgonomics and acted the crazy-ager than I expected."

In "The Grampa," meringues will focus on the "crazy side" and the "silky gorgeousness" of another actress. "I'm like to bring wildest right more" Hugh said of his comedy-drama. "We shot it in the gap between last season and this season. It was a terrific script, really funny but troubling story about a very inappropriate love affair between a 60-year-old man and a 20-year-old girl [Leighton Meester]."

"By the way, I play the 50-year-old man," he deadpanned. "I hope that the audience will find it funny, touching and oddly sort of tender and romantic. I am sure some people may go, 'Oh, I don't want to see anything like do with that.'"

Congratulated on "House" being declared as the most watched TV show in the world, Hugh was characteristically candid. "I am completely baffled by it, bewildered," he began. "There are certain things about House that I could not see coming — the fact that he's a healer, for one. I see he's a tortured character. There's something romantic about him, I suppose. But at the same time, I think of the show as rewarding-ly verbal. It's verbally a very dense show, idiomatic, with a lot of comedy-based use of words. I'm astonished that dreamy translation as well into other languages. Fortunately, I don't have to understand it. The more mysterious it is, the more wonderful it is, really."

Intoit your will see the release of Angelina Jolie movie, as well, with guests like Toni Jones, Lee Lubin' David Hidalgo and Dr. John, whom he idolizes. When Hugh revealed that he's still thinking of a title for the CD and what remains for his concert tour, we suggested, "House of Blues" and that the performance be held in the House of Blues chain. He smiled and said he liked the idea.

Music is one of his great loves," admitted Hugh who has a daughter and two sons with Jo Green, his wife since 1989. "If I have a free hour or two, playing the piano is probably one of my favorite things to do. I hope my children have shared that. We've actually performed together as the Son Cup Family. That was our moniker. I delight in my sons children's musicianship. There is nothing better than either playing with them or just sitting and listening to them play or sing."

"I didn't foresee any of this, that I'm sitting here de-dum-

EMMA Stone, Hollywood's latest "It" girl, plays Spider-man's new love interest.

ing about my life and work," continued the two-time Golden Globe winner. "If I were 16 and looking at myself now, I would probably fall about laughing. We tend to look at other people's lives and assume that where they got to is

> "There's always good gossip in the hair and make-up trailer but... I can't repeat any of it"

the result of a carefully considered decision that was inevitable, but in actual fact, I suspect that most human lives are more chaotic, unfeeling and unplanned than any of us think."

Emma Stone's rising popularity may prove Hugh's theory. Hollywood's "It" girl, who recently landed the plum Gwen Stacy role opposite Andrew Garfield in the next "Spider-Man" movie, starred in LA Rain Arbour in doggedly pursues an acting career.

Only 21 at the time, Emma was ready to return to Arizona after months of fruitless auditions. But this man story, who was with her in LA, persuaded the budding actress to audition one last time for 9/11's "The Paper Dartridge Family." The actress with the freaky voice and striking huge eyes won the reality-sitcom show to bag a part in the pilot, the mom and daughter-inspired. The pilot tanked but Emma got to meet Doug Wiehl, who remains her manager to this day.

In addition to starring in the reboot of the "Spider-Man" series, Emma cop-bills "Easy A," "The Help" and other films. "It's incredibly flattering and no nice to hear something like that," Em-ma said of the last loans about her. "You start wondering yourself a little bit more. But I know that next week, a will be a different person who has the loss. I'm approaching it more like it's a temporary thrill."

Asked if she really gave up a role to Emily Stephen's "Sucker Punch" to do "Easy A" instead, Emma answered, "That's not entirely true. Turning some, it didn't work out."

In "Easy A," her comedy ac-tioner with Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes, Lisa Kudrow, Patricia Clarkson and Thomas Haden Church, Emma plays Olive, a clean-cut high school stu-dent who starts the rumor mill and becomes wildly popular. "I'm sure that's a hugely concerned topic in Hollywood," she said with a dreamy laugh about her chame-leon's strings. "That would make me anxious... using sources in order to ad-vance my standing. I would have a hard time living in two different peo-ple in public and personal life. I don't know if I could be able to live the way that's how."

"I didn't have a traditional high school experience," Emma revealed when asked about her own school memories. "I was home-schooled so... I never had all that experience of that stuff with popularity, sexuality or lots of regularly high school."

Emma clarified, "This is not really a high school movie. Olive could be a 35-year-old woman in a workplace and it would still be the same. It's still the sto-ry of her experience."

On film now being life in high school, the actress, who some say re-sembles Jane Cornfeel, said, "There's always good gossip in the hair and make-up trailer but what happens in the trailer stays in the trailer. I can't re-peat any of it."

For insights on show business, Em-ma turned to Penn, her co-star and a regular on the "Gossip Girl" show: "I liked talking to Penn about all that be-cause he's got a lot of insight. He's very smart."

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1) "Back to December," Taylor Swift; 2) "Like a Boy," The Cannons; 3) Eat Movement, Jive; 3) "Just a Dream," Nelly; 4) "Just the Way You Are," Bruno Mars; 5) "Only Girl (In the World)," Rihanna; 6) "Raise Your Glass," P!nk; 7) "Club Can't Handle Me (feat. David Guetta, Akon "Party Rock Anthem," Flo Rida; 8) "If I Die Young," The Band Perry; 9) "I'm Yours," Jason Mraz; 10) "Someone Like You," Adele. (Chosen is owned by Apple Inc.)

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